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SANKAREA
UNdying love

SANKAREA
ZOMBIE
BATH
3
MITSURU HATTORI

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Furuya Mero

A reliable first-year middle school student, she manages all the housework for the Furuya family. She loves to read the Heart Sutra.

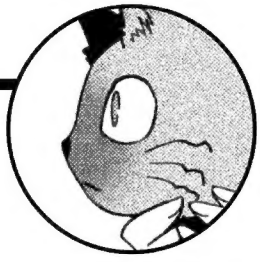
Grandpa

The most mysterious organism (?) of all in "Sankarea." He seems to be knowledgeable about zombies, though...

Dad

His real name is Furuya Dohn. He's the live-in head priest of Shiryohji Temple. He agreed to let Rea live with the family, saying, "Should be fine, right?"

Bub



He died in an accident, but came back to life thanks to medicine made by Chihiro and Rea.

STORY

When she became a zombie, Rea had no place to go home to. Chihiro let her live with him at Shiryohji Temple, and they started a happy yet embarrassing life together. They couldn't discover how to stop her from decaying, but they did get to go out shopping together, and Rea enjoyed her freedom. Then, unable to let his daughter run away, Sanka Danichiroh laid a trap for them, goading Chihiro into a duel. Rea rushed to Chihiro's aid, and they managed to win. Rea is finally truly free.

Sanka Rea

A first-year student at the private Sanka Girls' Academy. She's the daughter of a well-known family, but fell to her death trying to run from her father. Afterward, she returned to life as a zombie girl!

Furuya Chihiro

A first-year student at Shiyoh Public High School, he's an unusual boy who has loved zombies since he was little. He is currently trying all kinds of different things to protect Rea.

Saohji Ranko

Chihiro's cousin and childhood friend. She's a perky, energetic girl, and second-year student at Sanka Girls'. Her nickname is "Wanko."

MITSURU HATTORI presents

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10 THE HEART... OF A WOMAN...

✦ ✦ZOMBI HOLOCAUST✦ ✦

The next morning...
twee twee twee
GA HA HA!!
YOU DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THAT YOU'D BE INFECTED BY THE POISON IF A REANIMATED PERSON BIT YOU? YOU COULD HAVE DIED, YOU KNOW!
WHAT THE HELL?! IF YOU KNEW, YOU SHOULD HAVE TOLD ME!!
TWITCH!
TWITCH! TWITCH!
OW OW OW.
DALJIROH
WELL, IF THE POISON JUST LEFT YOUR BODY AFTER A FEW DAYS WITHOUT KILLING YOU, IT MUST HAVE BEEN A SOFT BITE.
OH! WHERE'D SHE BITE YOU?
UMM, I FOR-GET.
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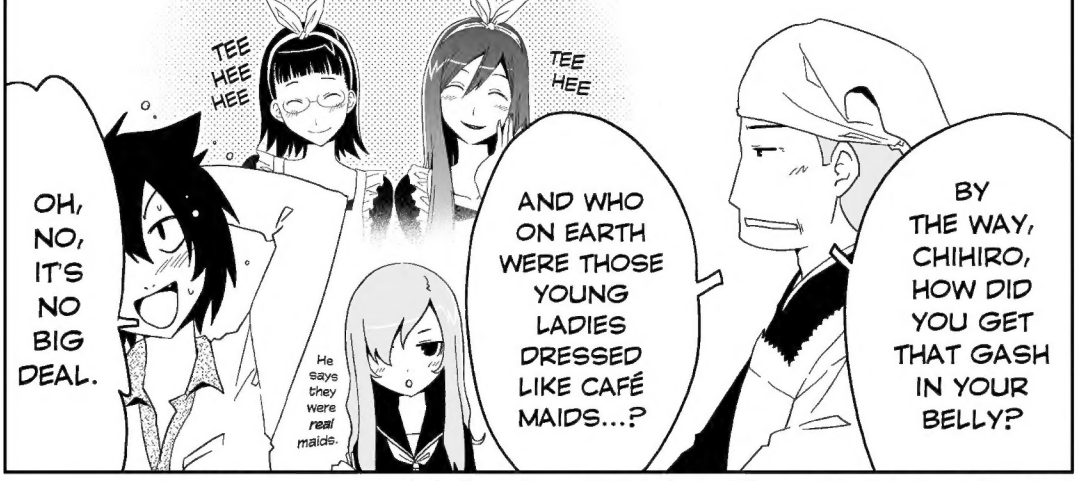
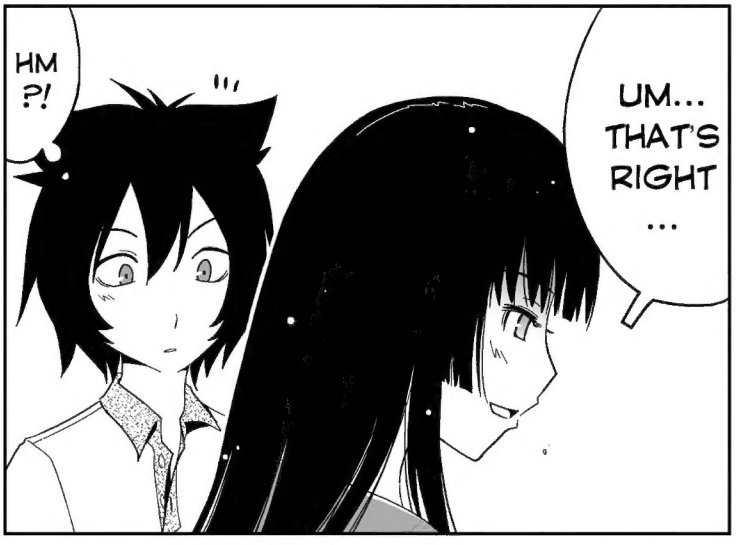
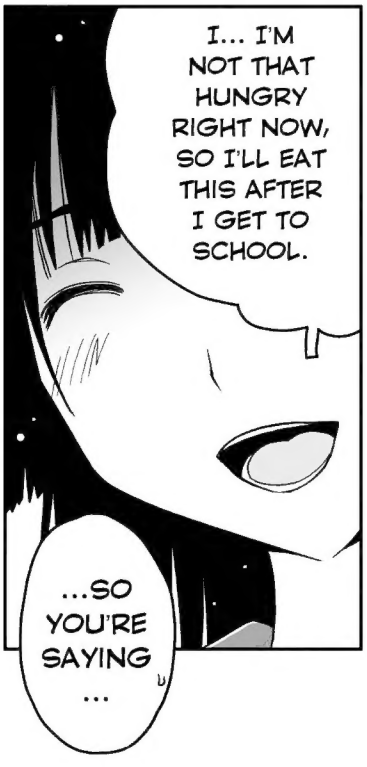

TEE HEE HEE
TEE HEE
OH, NO, IT'S NO BIG DEAL.
He says they were real maids.
AND WHO ON EARTH WERE THOSE YOUNG LADIES DRESSED LIKE CAFÉ MAIDS...?
BY THE WAY, CHIHIRO, HOW DID YOU GET THAT GASH IN YOUR BELLY?

In the Furuya home, Mero is in charge of dinner, and dad is in charge of breakfast.

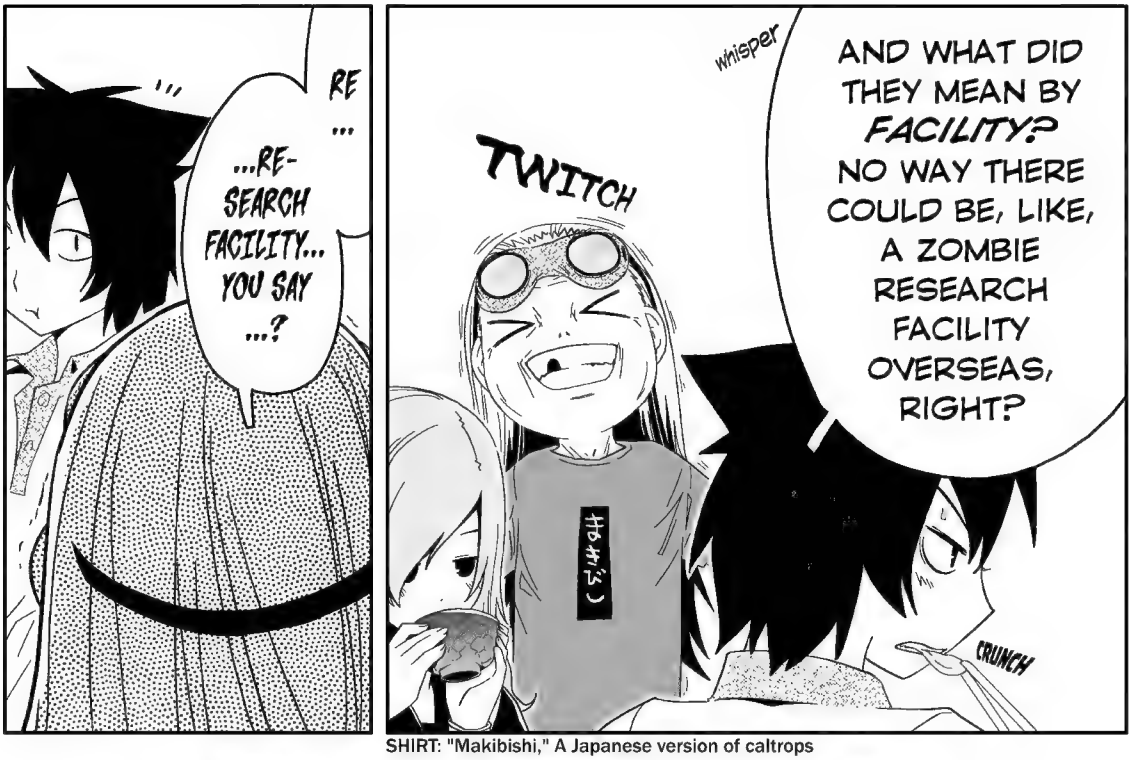




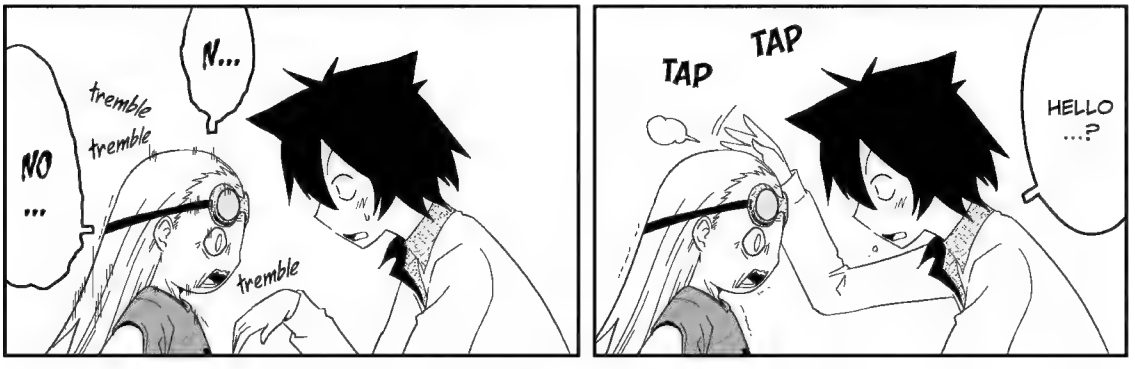
WHAT'S WRONG? YOU HAVEN'T TOUCHED YOUR HYDRAN-GEA!
IF YOU DON'T EAT IT EVERY FEW HOURS, THE EFFECTS OF THE ELIXIR WILL WEAR OFF...
OH... YES...
Father
YOU'RE A VEGETARIAN, HUH, REA? HA HA HA.

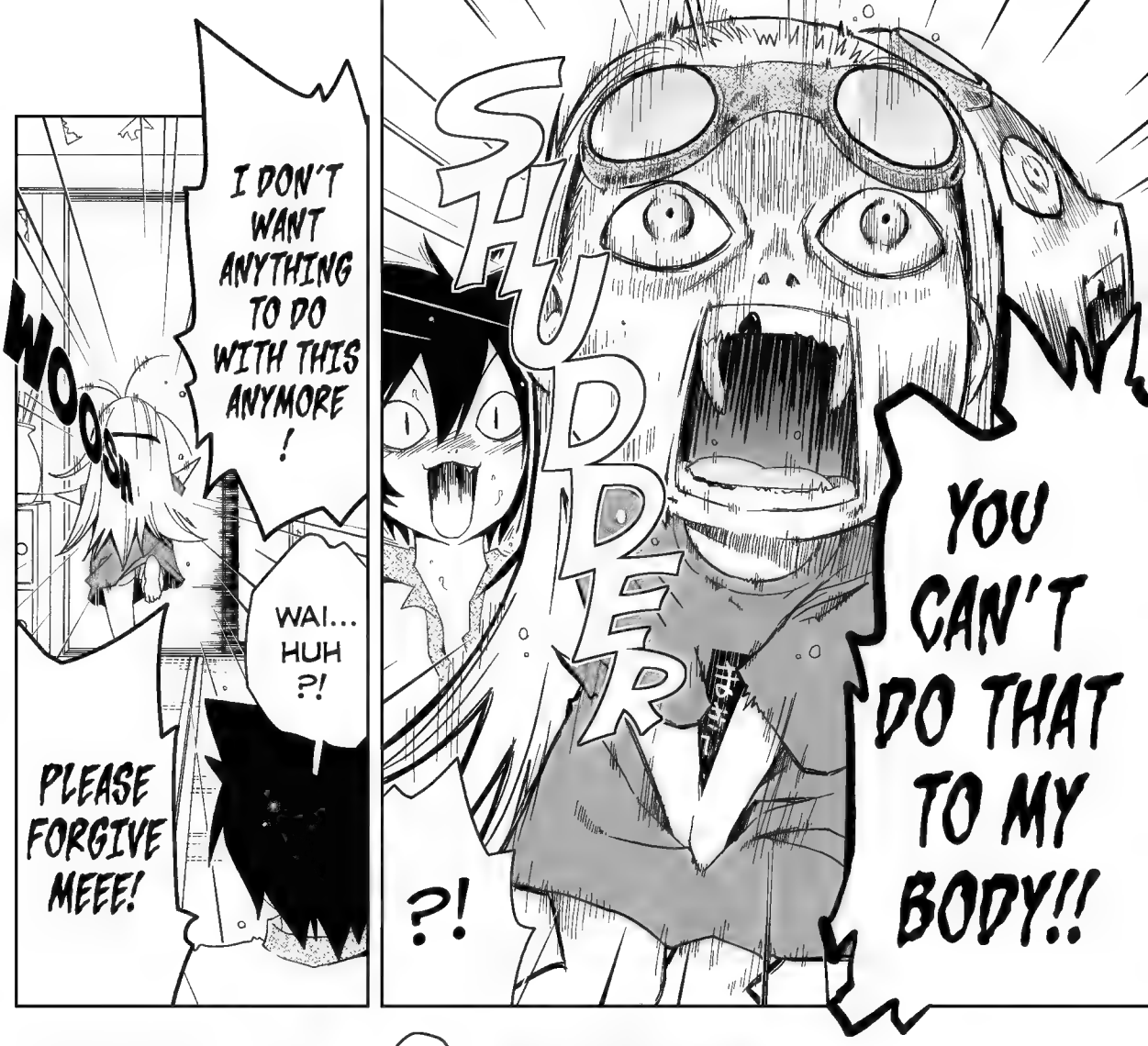
...IF I DON'T GO TO SCHOOL, THEN I CAN'T LIVE THE LIFE OF A NORMAL GIRL.
I'VE STILL GOT NO COMEBACK FOR THAT...
YOU... ACTUALLY WANT TO GO TO SCHOOL FROM HERE?
YES. AFTER ALL, TODAY IS MONDAY, ISN'T IT?
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN ...!!
ISN'T IT... ISN'T THE CHAIR-WOMAN OF THE SANKA GIRLS' ACA-DEMY ...
YES... MY MOTHER.
Coat with pockets for holding dry ice.
I... I MEAN, BUT...
ANYWAY, I SPENT ALL LAST NIGHT MAKING THIS. WONDER-FUL, ISN'T IT?
WOOSH
FWISHH

...THAT FAMILY IS ALL KINDS OF MESSED UP.
...
SHE'LL PROBABLY JUST IGNORE SOMEONE LIKE ME.
MY MOTHER ISN'T THAT TYPE OF PERSON ...
Whisper
Whisper
SO... SO COULDN'T IT BE THAT SHE'S PLANNING TO TAKE YOU BACK AGAIN...?
NO, THAT WON'T HAPPEN.
Purrrrr
WE RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM THE MAIDS THAT SAID HE GOT ON A PLANE TO SOME FACILITY OVERSEAS FIRST THING IN THE MORNING. SO WE PROBABLY WON'T SEE HIM AGAIN, BUT...
VWEEEEE
COULD HE STILL BE PLOTTING SOME-THING ...?
BUT EVEN SO...
ISN'T HER OLD MAN NUTS? HE SERIOUSLY STABBED ME!
It still stings, even though I'm taking painkillers.
TWITCH
TWITCH


RE
...
...RE-SEARCH FACILITY... YOU SAY ...?
whisper
AND WHAT DID THEY MEAN BY FACILITY? NO WAY THERE COULD BE, LIKE, A ZOMBIE RESEARCH FACILITY OVERSEAS, RIGHT?
TWITCH
CRUNCH

SHIRT: "Makibishi," A Japanese version of caltrops




I DON'T WANT ANYTHING TO DO WITH THIS ANYMORE!
WOOSH
WAI... HUH?!
PLEASE FORGIVE MEEE!
SHUDDER
?!
YOU CAN'T DO THAT TO MY BODY!!

HAHAHAHAHA
NO WAY.
HE'S PROBABLY JUST LOSING IT AGAIN, RIGHT?
W...WHAT? DID GRANDPA GO TO A RESEARCH FACILITY OVERSEAS A LONG TIME AGO?

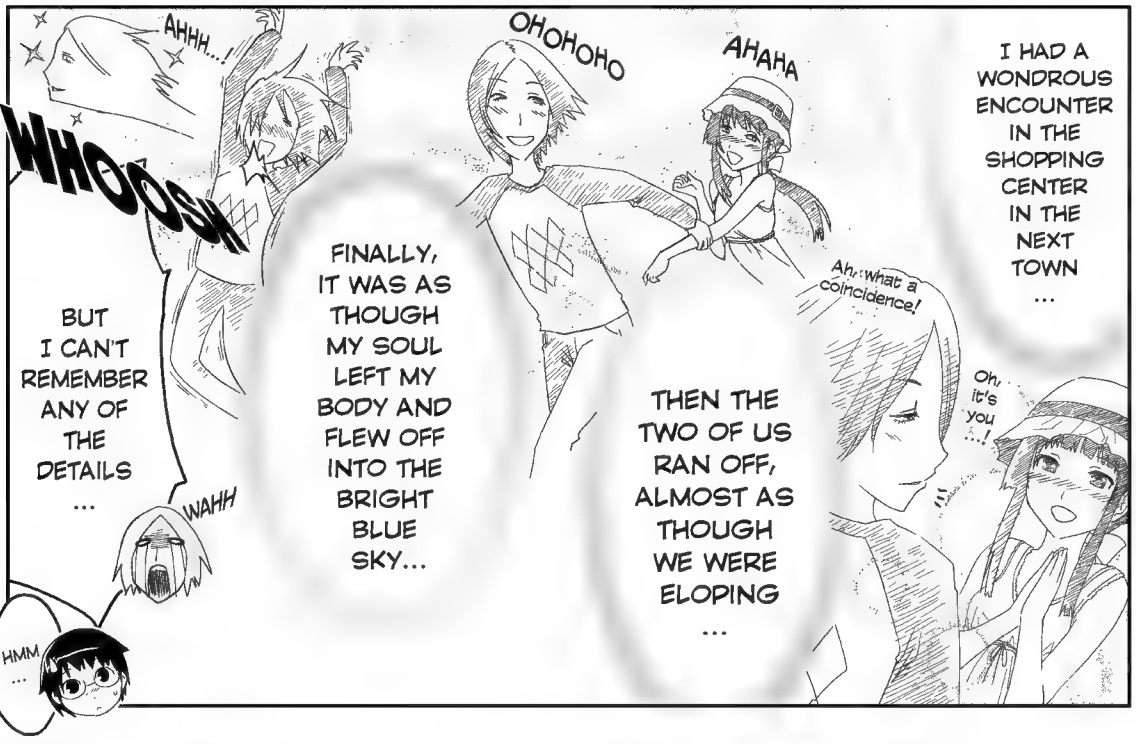
huff huff
...

SMACK
OWW!!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME THAT!!
CHIHIRO, MAKE SURE REA GETS TO SCHOOL ALL RIGHT!
A HA HA HA HA

1
SHIYOH STATION, SHIYOH STATION!
DRAG
DRAG
DRAG

紫陽町
しようちょう
Shiyoh
甘沢
Amasawa
2
PSHOO
STANDARD TRAIN DEPARTURE SCHEDULE

ENOUGH TO MAKE ME SHOOT UP INTO THE SKY.
BLUSH
SOMETHING REALLY WONDERFUL HAPPENED TO ME YESTERDAY ...
HEY... MOGI.
DRAG
DRAG


AHHH...!
WHOOSH
BUT I CAN'T REMEMBER ANY OF THE DETAILS ...
WAHH
HMM ...
FINALLY, IT WAS AS THOUGH MY SOUL LEFT MY BODY AND FLEW OFF INTO THE BRIGHT BLUE SKY...
OHOHOHO
AHAHA
Ah, what a coincidence!
THEN THE TWO OF US RAN OFF, ALMOST AS THOUGH WE WERE ELOPING ...
I HAD A WONDROUS ENCOUNTER IN THE SHOPPING CENTER IN THE NEXT TOWN ...
Oh, it's you ...!

I'D LIKE TO ASK FOR DIREC-TIONS ...
SLENDER
YES ?
UM... IF YOU COULD ...
SKR
DAMMIT, WHAT HAP-PENED ...?
TWIST TWIST

GLITTER
A WESTERN CHICK !!
WHOA.
SHIRYOHJI! WHERE FURUYA-KUN LIVES.
HUH? CHEE-RIOS ?
AHH... RIGHT, RIGHT. YOU JUST MAKE A LEFT TURN AT THAT LIGHT AND GO STRAIGHT AHEAD!! ...BUT SINCE YOU'VE COME ALL THIS WAY...
POINT
POINT
Whoaa... What sexy legs.♥
GLANCE GLANCE
HE... HEH HEH... WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO ASK ME ABOUT?
SHEE-RYO ...

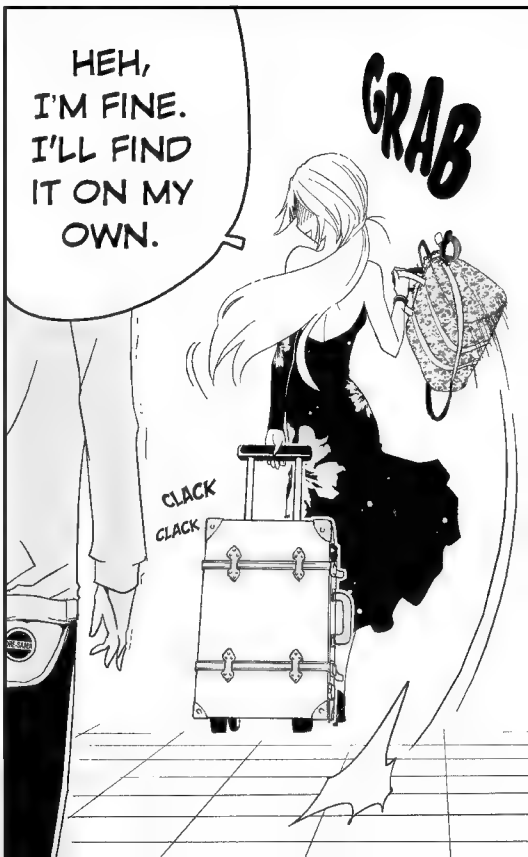
WHOOSH

I'LL TAKE YOUR LUGGAGE.
LET ME WALK YOU THERE LIKE A GENTLE-MAN.
TUG

AH!
SLIP

?
IS SOME-THING WRONG ?
SCAL-PELS ?!
HAND-CUFFS ?!

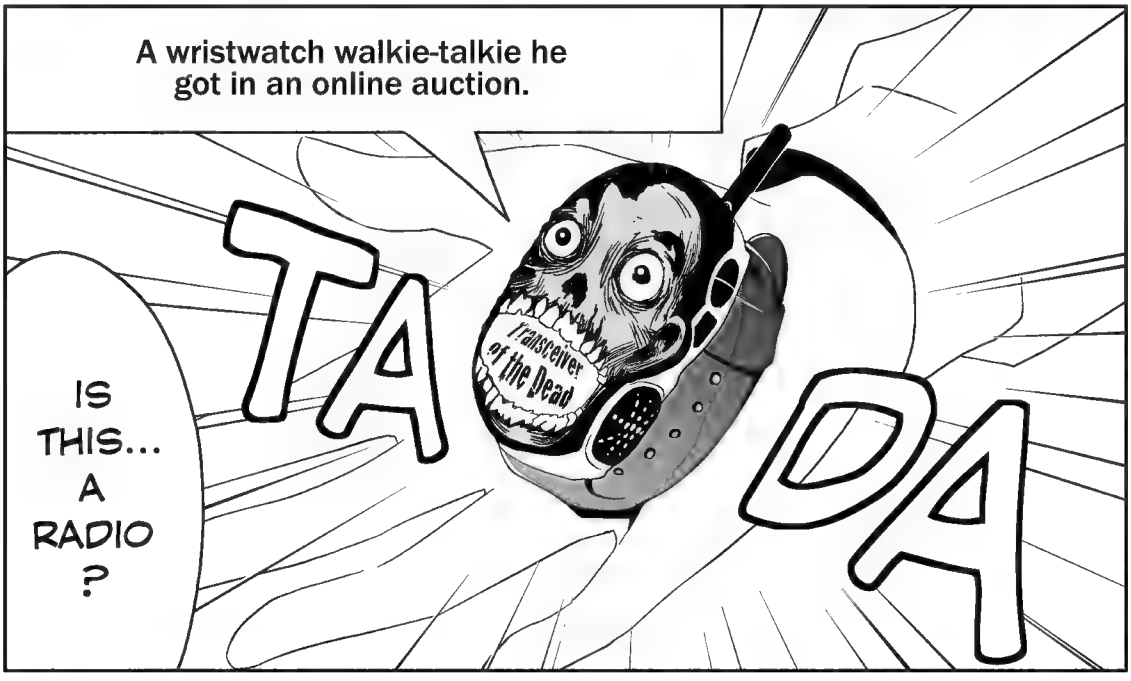
BLUSH
I WONDER IF HE'S STAYING HOME AGAIN ...?
PLUS, FURUYA-KUN WASN'T AT THE BUS STATION TODAY EITHER...


HEH, I'M FINE. I'LL FIND IT ON MY OWN.
GRAB
CLACK
CLACK

WHY IS SOMEONE FROM SHIYOH HIGH OVER HERE ...?!
mutter
mutter
mutter
mutter
EW! WHO IS THAT BOY ?!
...
RING RINNGG
CLAATTERRR
WE STICK OUT LIKE A SORE THUMB...

OH, HELEN-CHAN.
DASH
REA-SAMAAA... I'VE BEEN SO WORRIED SINCE YOU SUDDENLY DISAPPEARED LAST WEEKEND!
Shino-Helen
Rea's classmate
SSSHHHHH
OH, TSUMURA-SAN, GOOD MORNING!
AND GOOD MOR-NING TO YOU, TOO, KANEDA-SAN!
I'M SO SORRY. I GOT SICK...
REALLY? ARE YOU OKAY NOW?
Completely different from me...
SHE'S REALLY POPULAR, HUH...?
BY THE WAY, WHERE DID YOU FIND THAT MAN-SERVANT?
STAB
WHO YOU CALLIN' MAN-SER-VANT?!
You're not?

chatter
chatter
ALL RIGHT. TRY TO AVOID STANDING IN THE DIRECT SUNLIGHT.
AND IF SOMETHING HAPPENS AT SCHOOL, USE THIS TO CALL ME RIGHT AWAY!!


A wristwatch walkie-talkie he got in an online auction.
TA
DA
Transceiver of the Dead
IS THIS... A RADIO ?

HAS SHE NEVER PUT ON A WATCH BEFORE ...?
Look, you do it like this...
CLICK

flutter
flutter
U... UMM ...
THIS IS...

STARE
YOU GOT IT?!
FURUYA-KUN...
OKAY? IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO YOUR BODY...
I'LL COME RUNNING RIGHT AWAY ...!!
GRAB
YOU REALLY ARE THINKING ABOUT ME...
THUNK
YEAH.

STAARE
AM I INTER-RUPTING SOME-THING?
HUH ?
FWAAA
GAH, WANKO ?!
N... NO IT'S NOTHING LIKE THAT.
I JUST CAME TO DROP HER OFF, I'M TELLING YOU.
WHOOSH
HOW NICE. I WISH SOMEONE WOULD SEE ME OFF.
IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, YOU ALWAYS USED TO COME PICK ME UP IN THE MORNING, REMEMBER?
HNNAA? WHO REMEM-BERS STUFF FROM THAT LONG AGO ...?
BUMP
BA-BUMP

U... UM, I... WELL, EXCUSE ME.
BOW
HURRY
OH MY, SHE WENT OFF IN A HURRY.
glide
glide
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?!
YOU'VE BEEN TELLING HER RIDICULOUS, CONFUSING THINGS SINCE YESTERDAY!
SHE'S TAKING IT ALL SERIOUS-LY...
THAT'S FINE. I'M *TRYING* TO GIVE HER THE WRONG IMPRESSION.
turn
HNN ?!

I JUST WANT TO...
...SHOW YOU I CAN WIN A LITTLE TOO!!
MY
EH
TAP
TAP
HUH?
SEE YOU!! OH, I'LL COME BY TONIGHT SOMETIME TO BORROW ANOTHER ZOMBIE DVD!
... WHAT DOES THAT MEAN ?

REA'S BEING REA...
SHE'S BEEN QUIET SINCE THIS MORNING...
I DON'T UNDER-STAND THE FEELINGS OF WOMEN AT ALL...!!
WHO'S THAT?!
It's not... one of our parishioners, is it?
HM?
HSSS
CLA CLA CLACK...
SINCE I GOT DRY ICE AT THE SUPER-MARKET, I'LL STOP AT HOME FIRST...
Should be fine to cut school today, too...
IS SHE A FOREIGN TOURIST?
BUB LOVES PEOPLE. FOR HIM TO BE SO WARY ...!
CLACK
tch
tch
tee hee hee
MEO-WW.
HISSS
HSSS

!!
CRUNCH
glide...
HERE ... GOOD BOY ...
AH... OH, NO ...!!
TAP
TAP TAP
HEY, GET AWAY FROM THE CAT!
DID HE BITE YOU ...?!
TAP
AH ...

NGAAAAA!
TWITCH

SHUDDER
SHUDDER
...?! BUB ? He's trembling ...?!
HEY... ARE YOU OKAY ?!
FLOP
HOP
HNN... AMAZ-ING...
turn...
MIGHT THAT THING... BE YOURS ?
THE "POISON" IS STILL FRESH ...
IT WENT TO MY HEAD.
BA-BUMP
HUH ...?!
FOR THAT THING TO BE SO FRIENDLY TO YOU... YOU...

COULD YOU BE PROFESSOR BOYLE'S ASSISTANT ?
smile
HUH ?!
BOYLE ...?!
CLATTER

FMMMM... NOTHING LIKE A RELAXING BATH.
SSHH
HN?
LOINCLOTH: "Makibishi," A Japanese version of caltrops
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
CLICK
SO YOU WERE HERE, AFTER ALL?
RUMBLE
GRAND-PA?!
EEKK

TWITCH
PRO-FESSOR BOYLE... ♥
BLUSH
HUH ?!
CREE CREE CREE CREE
BOYLE ...?
Boyle = To Boil
SHE'S TALKING ABOUT GRAND-PA?!
CREE
Real Name:
Furuya Jogoroh
One of the Chinese characters in "Jogoroh" means "boil."
TEE HEE HEE
HEE HEE
PLUS... THIS FOREIGN-ER!
HOW DID SHE KNOW THAT BUB HAD "POISON"... THIS WOMAN...
CLA CLACK...

CLAANG
WHO ON EARTH COULD SHE BE...?!
CLAANG
ssf...
POP
AHAHA

...
...IS IT...
...POSSIBLE THAT...
...I COULD BE IN THE WAY...?
CLACK...

11 I'M... FINE...

✦ ✦ DOCTOR BUTCHER M.D. ✦ ✦

...CAME IN SECOND.
I HAD DONE MY BEST, SO I WAS VERY HAPPY...
...WITH THIS RESULT. FROM...
ONE, TWO, THREE ...
FWAP
NOW, TURN TO THE RIGHT ...
FWAP
FWAPPA
FLAP

SLAM
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
AMAZ-ING!!
COULD SANKA-SAN JUMP LIKE THAT BEFORE?
SHE DIDN'T EVEN BREAK A SWEAT!
Sanka Girls

chatter
chatter
chatter
chatter
OHH, COME ON. WHAT'S WITH YOU TODAY, REA-SAMA?

Aaaah, it's true!
WHAT HAPPENED, SANKA-SAN? THOSE BANDAGES ON YOUR STOMACH...
There's blood oozing out!!
AH, NO. I'M FINE.
THIS IS BAD...

AH... I FELL DOWN IN THE BATH AND THE FAUCET HIT ME...
GAHH! BUT DOESN'T IT LOOK SERIOUS ?!

YOU'RE DOING SO MUCH BETTER IN GYM... DID YOU TRAIN ALL WEEKEND?
glitter glitter
HM? NOT REALLY ...
STRIP
EEKK!

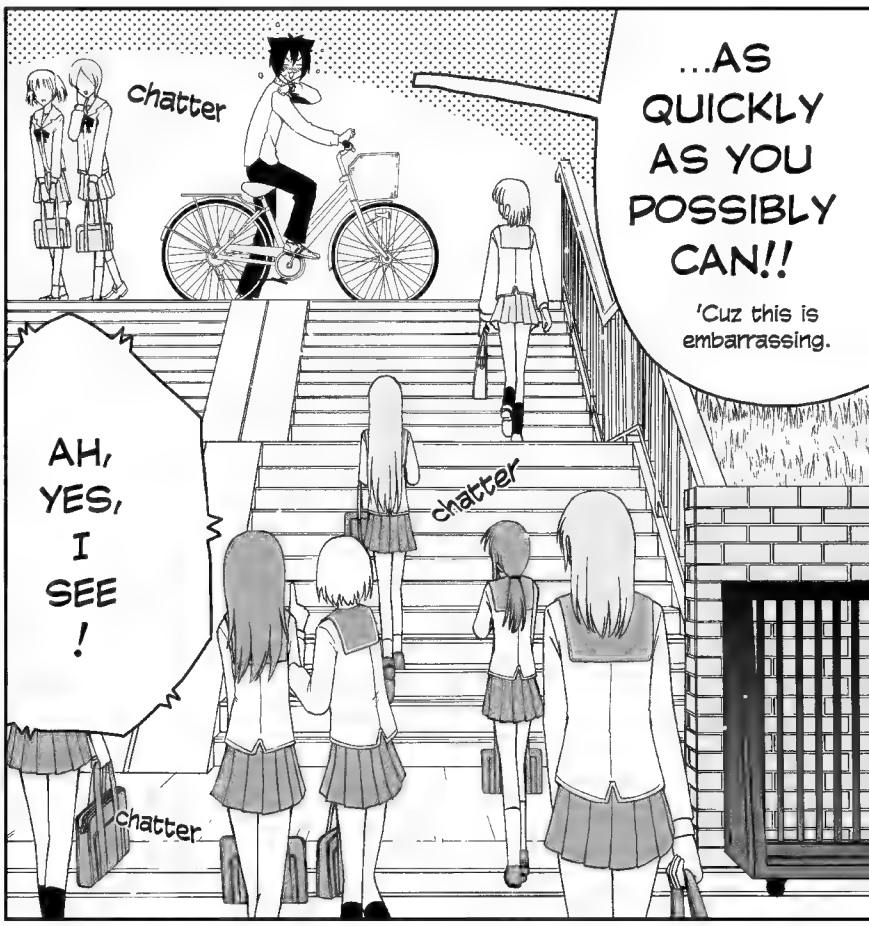
BY THE WAY, SANKA-SAN, WHO WAS THE BOY THAT SAW YOU OFF THIS MORNING?
OH, I WAS ALSO WONDERING ABOUT THAT...
BUMP
BUMP
BUMP
MY FATHER IS A SURGEON. SHOULD WE HAVE HIM TAKE A LOOK AT IT?!
Now that I think about it, don't you look kind of pale?
AHAHA...
N... NO, IT'S ALREADY STARTING TO HEAL. I'M JUST FINE.
IF I WENT TO THE HOSPITAL THERE WOULD BE A HUGE COMMOTION...
HUH, OH, FURUYA-KUN... YOU MEAN?
ACTUALLY, THERE'S A LITTLE BIT OF A STORY BEHIND THAT...
...AND RIGHT NOW I'M STAYING AT HIS HOUSE.
OOOOO

I HEARD A RUMOR THAT YOU ELOPED, REA-SAN, BUT FOR IT TO ACTUALLY BE TRUE ...!
NO WAAAY ... THAT'S SO BAD-ASS !
EEE
EEE
EEE
EEE。
EH, AH, NO... IT'S NOTHING AS BIG AS... THAT...
fluster
YOU'RE LIVING TOGE-THER ?!
EEEEEK
EEE
EEE
EEE
...
mphh...
RUSTLE
GLANCE
THAT'S... IT'S NOTHING LIKE... WHAT EVERYONE IS SAYING ...
CLANG
CLANG

SOMEHOW... I HAVEN'T FELT VERY HUNGRY TODAY AT ALL...
CLACK
rustle
rustle
NOTHING'S WRONG WITH MY BODY, AND I'M JUST FINE, RIGHT...?!
turn
FURUYA-KUN TOLD ME TO EAT A LITTLE BIT FROM TIME TO TIME, BUT...
BEEP
YES, HELLO?
SUP. I CAME TO PICK YOU UP...
OH!!
VMMM
CLATTER
VMMM
CLATTER
VMMM
VMMM

Whisper
Whisper
Whisper
OH, THAT'S HIM, LOOK!
I MEAN, PLEASE COME...

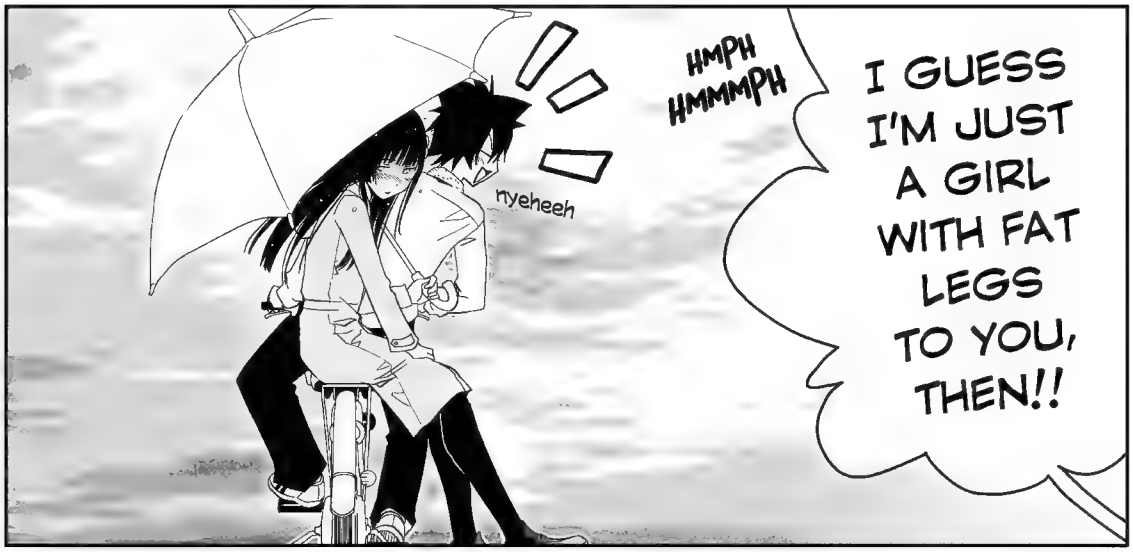
CLATTER
SO, HOW WAS SCHOOL?
OH, IT WAS LOTS OF FUN.


chatter
chatter
chatter
...AS QUICKLY AS YOU POSSIBLY CAN!!
'Cuz this is embarrassing.
AH, YES, I SEE!

ACK! YOU WENT TO GYM?!
THIS ZOMBIE POWER IS AMAZING, ISN'T IT?
LISTEN TO THIS! IN GYM I DID A SLAM DUNK WITH THE BASKETBALL!!
RRRR

CLATTER
I'VE BEEN TELLING YOU TO BE CAREFUL WITH YOUR BODY!!
NO, THERE'S ACTUALLY AN UNIMAGINABLE BURDEN ON THEM NOW THAT YOUR LIMITERS ARE GONE!
YOUR BODY MAY HAVE NO PAIN RECEPTORS, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT THE BURDEN ON YOUR MUSCLES AND BONES ISN'T THE SAME AS ON NORMAL PEOPLE...
whoohoo
IF YOU'RE GOING TO SAY THAT, FURUYA-KUN, HOW ABOUT BECOMING A STUDENT AT MY SCHOOL?
YOU MEAN I SHOULD CROSSDRESS AND SNEAK IN?!
Mogi could probably pull it off, actually...
NEXT TIME I'LL TAKE IT A LITTLE EASIER.
OKAY!
GIMME A BREAK... DO YOU REALLY UNDER-STAND WHAT I'M SAYING?!
AH, NO FAIIIR!!

STARE
Sanka Girls
I WISH YOU'D COME PICK ME UP WHEN I FINISHED CLUB ACTIVITIES TOO...
BAH! YOU CAN GO HOME BY YOURSELF, CAN'T YOU?
AWW! BUT I'M A WEAK LITTLE GIRL...
...JUST LIKE SANKA-SAN...
...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, WEAK?
YOU'RE TOUGH, AREN'T YA?!
Partially!
SLIDE
AHH, YOU SAID IT AGAIN ...


I GUESS I'M JUST A GIRL WITH FAT LEGS TO YOU, THEN!!
HMPH HMMMPH
nyeheeh

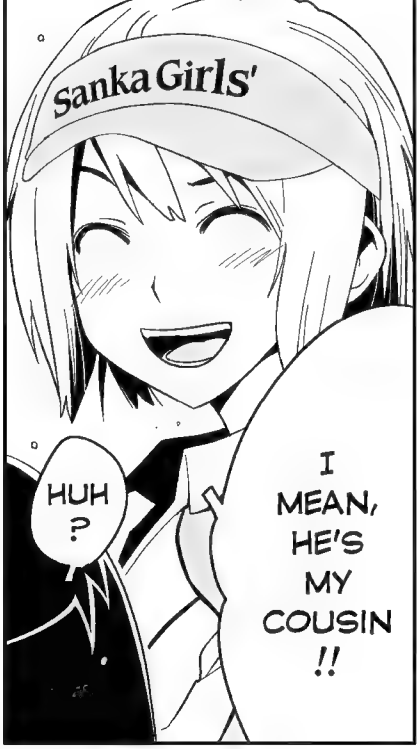
THAT'S NOT TRUE, YOU KNOW!!
SHE SAYS IT BE-CAUSE IT'S YOU!!
HUH?!

I... IS WANKO-SAN... OKAY WITH THIS?
HUH? SHE'S FINE, I'M TELLING YOU. SHE'S ALWAYS LIKE THAT.
sheesh

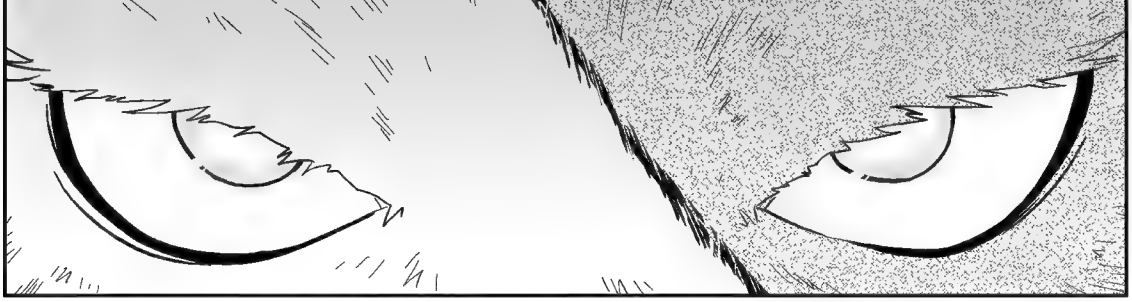
SHE'S SAYING THOSE THINGS, BUT THERE'S NO WAY THAT SHE'S SERIOUS.
AND ANYWAY, SHE DOESN'T EVEN NEED IT TO BE ME.
TH...

Helen's in the tennis club too.

Helen's imagination



I'M NOT DONE YET !!
SH
Return ace!
Sanka Girls'
SankaGirls
CLATTER CLATTER
I'M HOOOME ...
UNH ?!



STAAAREEEE...!!
Mandarins

W... WHAT THE?! AN OWL?!
It's huge!
mya...
HUH? IS THIS THE VISITOR ...?!

FREEZE, 18!!
WHOA!
SKREEEEE
WHOA!
WHISH
...

FWOO
HEH, PLEASE EXCUSE ME...
18 IS MY PET.
OPen
!!
A... HYDRAN-GEA!! C... COULD THIS BIRD BE...
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
YES.

HE'S A ZOMBIE ...
!!
MY NAME IS KURUMIYA DARIN ARCIENTO.
glide...
FLAP FLAP
YOU CALLED GRANDPA "PROFES-SOR"...
...AND KNEW ABOUT THE "POISON." WHO ON EARTH ARE YOU...?
TUG

TE HE HE..
SO I CAME HERE FROM THE SOUTHERN ISLANDS.
I SO WANTED TO STUDY ZOMBIES WITH PROFESSOR BOYLE AGAIN ...
UBOAAA

The... Southern Islands?
K
WOAAA...
UNG...
ANGH...
WAHH!

OH, OF COURSE. THE RESEARCH FACILITIES WERE SECRET, RIGHT?
I DON'T KNOW NOTHIN' ...
rub rub
hee hee
WHICH ONE OF THEM IS TELLING THE TRUTH ...?!
AEENGH...

AGAIN? YOU'RE SAYING THAT GRANDPA STUDIED ZOMBIES OVERSEAS ?!
AUGHH, NOOO ...

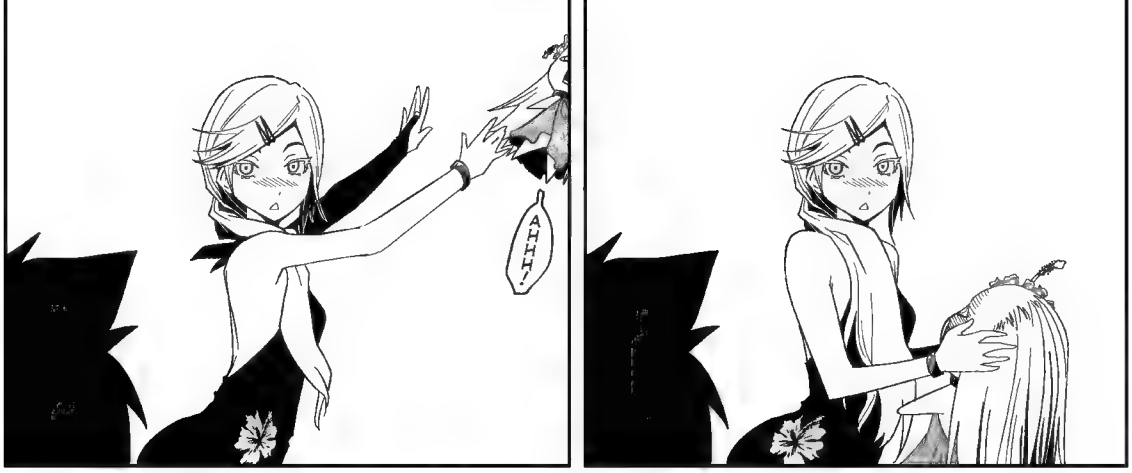
SLUMP
slide...
JUST AS I'D EXPECT FROM THE PROFESS-OR...

glance
...
AND ...
YET ...

GRAB
GRIP
!!
H-HEY!
Haah...
NH...
YOUR HEART RATE AND PULSE ARE BOTH ZERO!!
rub
FROM THE ELASTICITY OF THE SKIN, I'D SAY YOU'RE FOUR OR FIVE DAYS POSTMORTEM?
U... UM!

GRINN...
YOU'VE MADE A PERFECT SPECIMEN... JUST AS I EXPECTED.
IF I HADN'T SEEN THOSE EYES I WOULDN'T HAVE BELIEVED YOU WERE A ZOMBIE ...
HUH ...?
STARE
I DIDN'T BRING REA BACK TO LIFE FOR *RESEARCH*, OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT!!
W... WAIT JUST A SECOND. A "SPECIMEN," YOU SAID?!
WHOOSH

WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?
YOU'RE QUITE RUDE, CONSIDERING YOU'RE JUST PROFESSOR BOYLE'S ASSISTANT.
I'M NOT HIS ASSISTANT!! ...THOUGH I DID USE GRANDPA'S METHODS...
I... STOPPED MAKING THEM LONG AGO...
FLAP
FLAP
MY GRANDSON CHIHIRO MADE THE REANIMATING ELIXIR THAT BROUGHT SADA THERE BACK TO LIFE.
BAM
HUH ?!
LIKE I'VE SAID, THAT'S NOT SADA. IT'S REA!!
IMPOSSIBLE! YOU'RE TELLING ME *HE* MADE THAT THING?!
DON'T CALL HER THAT !!
WHISP

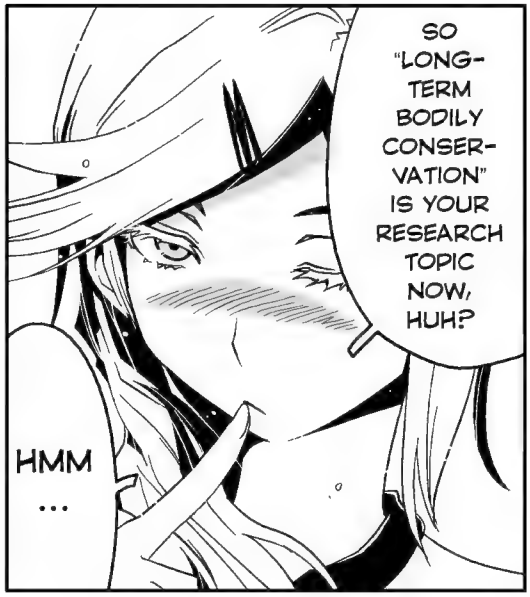

AHH!

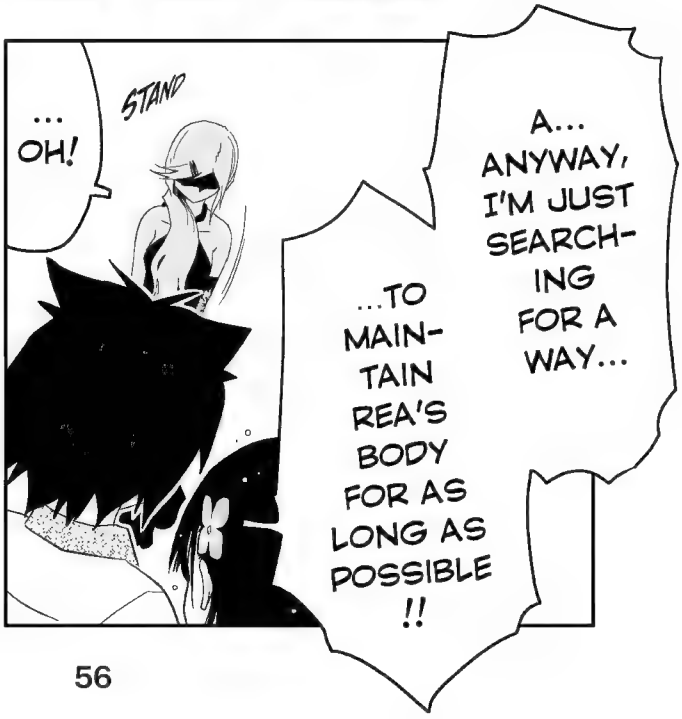
GRAB
BWAHH!!

I'LL MAKE YOUR WISHES COME TRUE ...
HUH?!
LEAN...
HEY... HOW ABOUT MAKING A DEAL WITH ME?
THUP

...FOR MY RE-SEARCH ?
MM
RMMM
IN RETURN, COULDN'T YOU PLEASE LET ME USE IT ...?
R... RESEARCH? WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO TO HER ?!
RMMM
THERE ARE FEWER AND FEWER PLACES OVERSEAS WHERE YOU CAN DO THIS KIND OF RESEARCH ...
SO PLEASE, LET ME CONTINUE MY RESEARCH IN JAPAN ...
BEEEEEP
PEEEET
WELL, ALL KINDS OF THINGS! EXTRACTING THE ORGANS, PUTTING ELECTRODES ON THE BRAIN...
EH HEH HEH

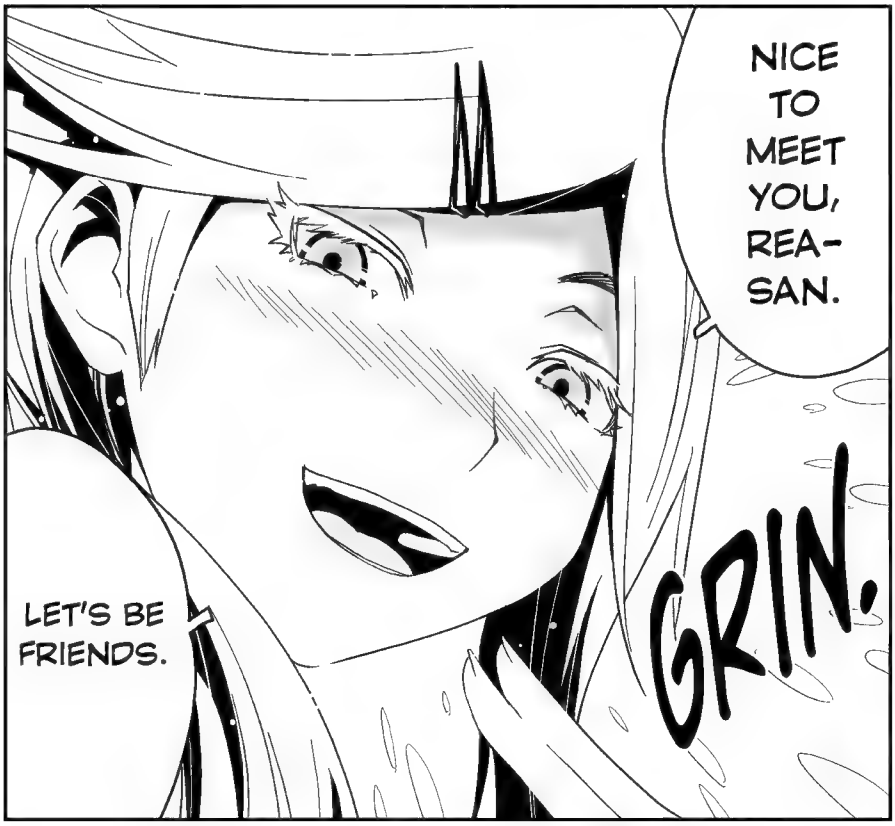
WHAT KIND OF LOGIC IS THAT ...?
HUH ?
...
IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR RESEARCH SUBJECTS, GO SOMEWHERE ELSE!!
GRAB
REA BECAME A ZOMBIE IN ORDER TO LIVE LIFE AS A NORMAL GIRL!!
D... DON'T SCREW WITH ME!!
What are you, a mad scientist?!


SO "LONG-TERM BODILY CONSERVATION" IS YOUR RESEARCH TOPIC NOW, HUH?
HMM ...


... OH!
STAND
A... ANYWAY, I'M JUST SEARCHING FOR A WAY...
...TO MAINTAIN REA'S BODY FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE !!

A ROOM WITH PROFESSOR BOYLE WILL BE FINE.
...
NO WAY ...
HUH ?!
WHISH
FU RU YA
...
OBSERVE YOUR RESEARCH PROCESS FOR A WHILE.
WELL, FINE THEN. JUST LET ME...
WHAT'S WITH ALL THE RACKET ...?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?! HOW CAN YOU JUST SAY SUCH A SELFISH...
TMP
TMP
CLATTER
HUH ?!
R-IGHT?
TUG
YES, SINCE I CAME ALL THE WAY TO JAPAN ...
YOU'LL BE MY HOST FAMILY.
NHAAA...
OH, DAD, LISTEN TO THIS. THIS GIRL IS SAYING SHE WANTS TO LIVE HERE, OR SOMETHING ...

DON'T JUST ACCEPT SO EASILY!!
Did you hear what she said?!
POSSESSED BY TROUBLE
SO WHAT?
The more the merrier.


NICE TO MEET YOU, REA-SAN.
GRIN.
LET'S BE FRIENDS.

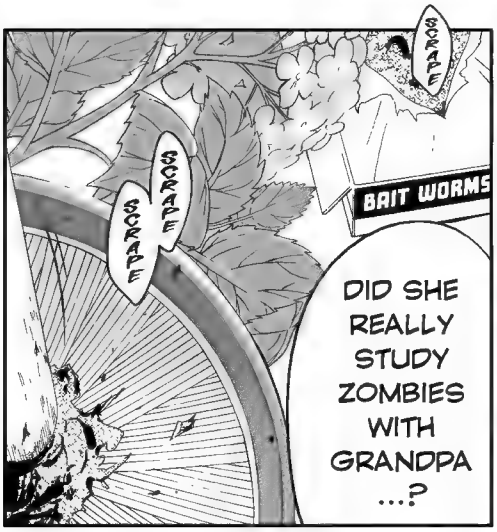
GLANCE

THOUGH... SHE'S KIND OF... SCARY...

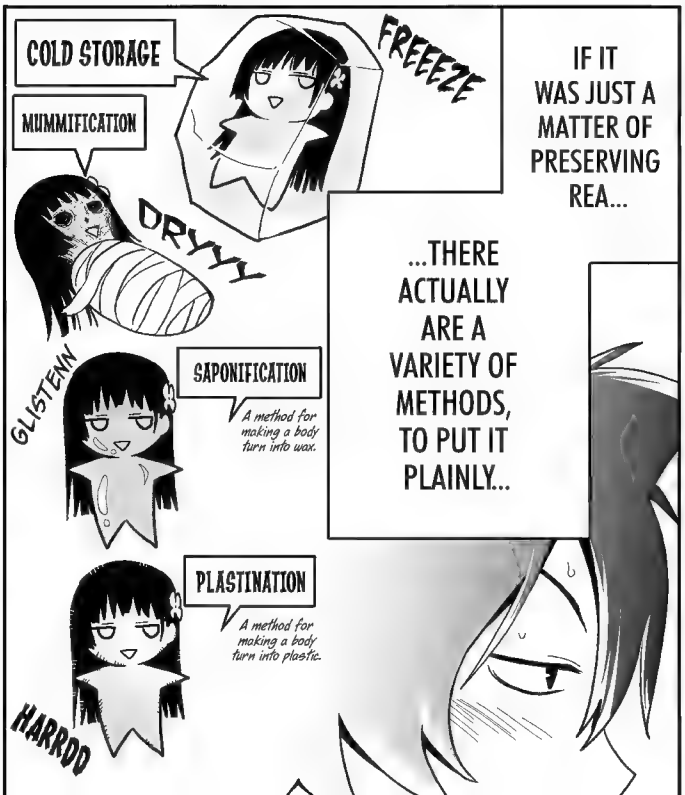
ER ... OH ...
YES ...

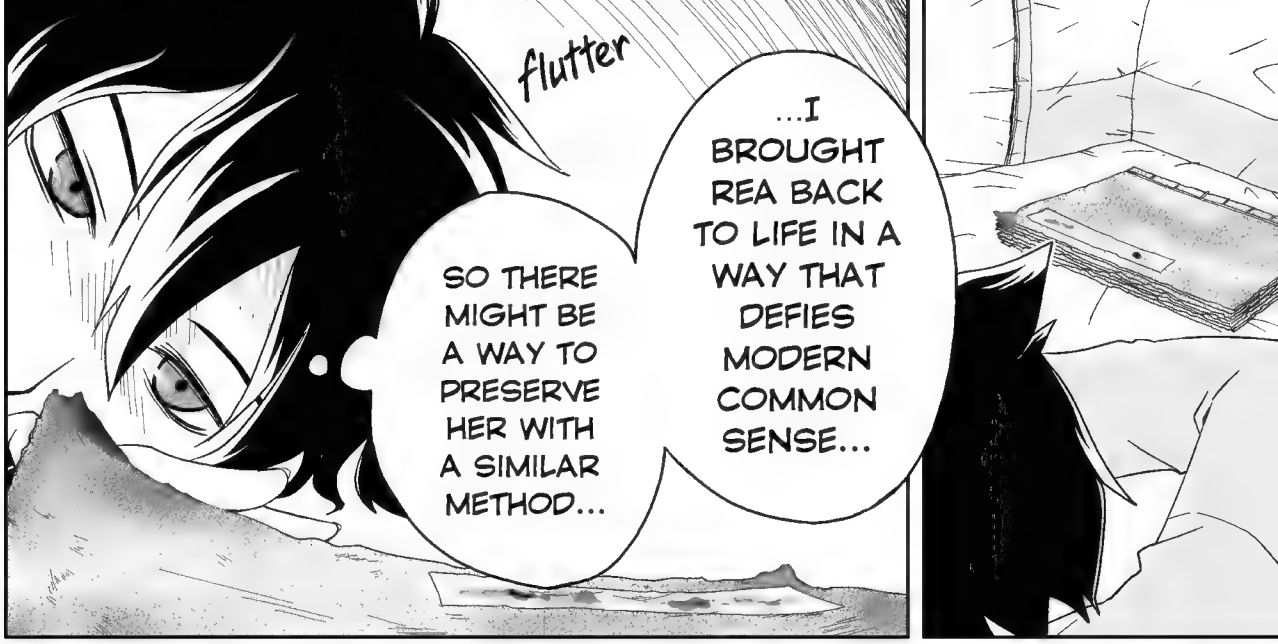
SCRAPE
SCRAPE
WHAT THE HELL IS WITH THAT DARIN LADY?
PLUS, HOW MUCH OF THAT IS EVEN TRUE?
SCRAPE

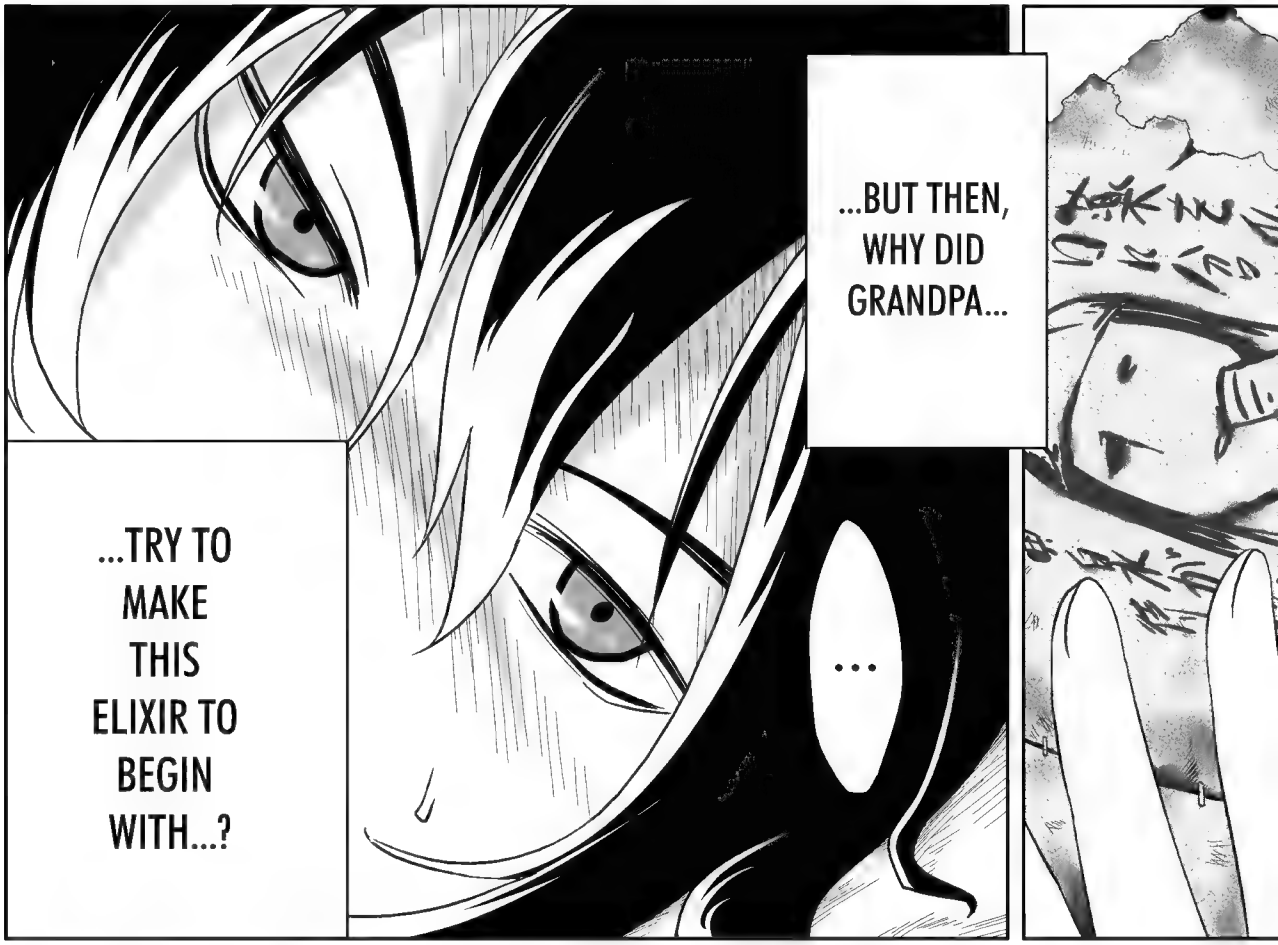
SHE MIGHT HAVE SOME IDEA OF HOW TO SAVE REA.
EVEN SO, WE SHOULDN'T TRUST HER TOO MUCH...
SCRAPE
SCRAPE

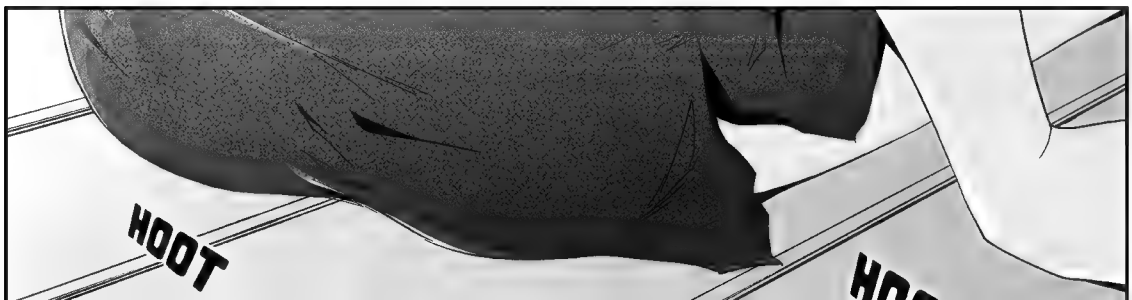

SCRAPE
SCRAPE
SCRAPE
BAIT WORMS
DID SHE REALLY STUDY ZOMBIES WITH GRANDPA ...?

BUT THOSE ARE NO GOOD, ARE THEY ...?
You can't live a normal life like that...
WHAM


COLD STORAGE
FREEEZE
MUMMIFICATION
DRYYY
GLISTENN
SAPONIFICATION
A method for making a body turn into wax.
PLASTINATION
A method for making a body turn into plastic.
HARRDD
IF IT WAS JUST A MATTER OF PRESERVING REA...
...THERE ACTUALLY ARE A VARIETY OF METHODS, TO PUT IT PLAINLY...


flutter
...I BROUGHT REA BACK TO LIFE IN A WAY THAT DEFIES MODERN COMMON SENSE...
SO THERE MIGHT BE A WAY TO PRESERVE HER WITH A SIMILAR METHOD...


...BUT THEN, WHY DID GRANDPA...
...
...TRY TO MAKE THIS ELIXIR TO BEGIN WITH...?


HOOT

FLIP...
SUMMER FESTIVAL SPECIAL
Popular Yukata
HOW NICE... YUKATA... FIRE-WORKS ...
OH... ISN'T THERE ...
A FESTIVAL GOING ON IN TOWN SOON?
UNTIL NOW, I'D ONLY EVER HEARD THE SOUNDS OF THE FESTIVAL FROM MY ROOM.
IF I COULD JUST GO TOGETHER WITH FURUYA-KUN THIS YEAR...
FLIP
...
NO... MAYBE HE'S ALREADY GOT PLANS ...
...BUMP

WHAT... IS THIS FEELING ...?
I WONDER... COULD I BE JEALOUS ...?

I WONDER HOW FURUYA-KUN... FEELS ABOUT WANKO-SAN...
shf...

HEE HEE, ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT ME?
nnbuhhh
lift
THANKS, I'M FINE.

BUUUBB

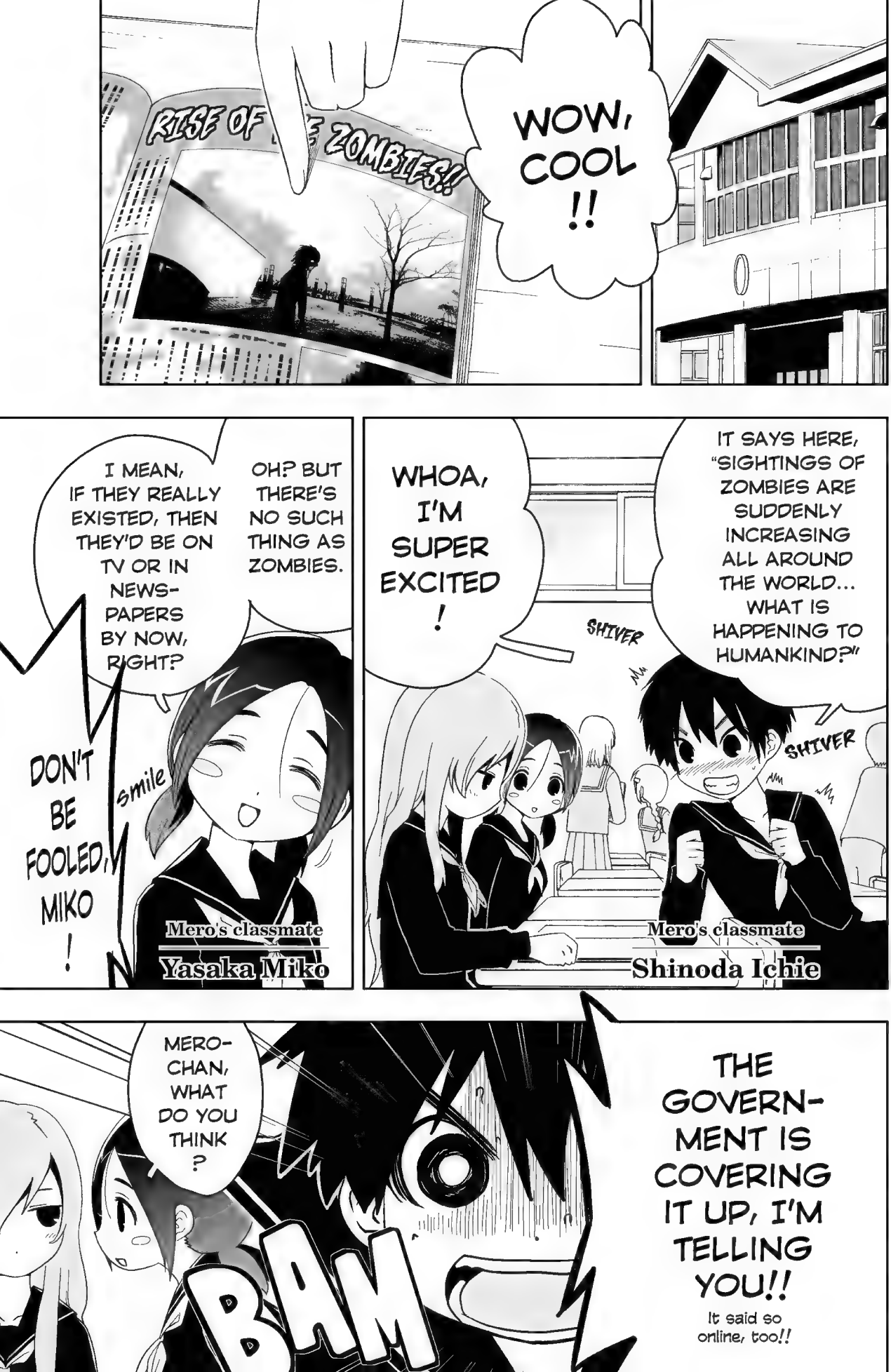
RUB
YEAH ...

RMMM
JUST FINE ...
MMM

Mitsuru Hattori presents
SANKAREA
MYAAAR

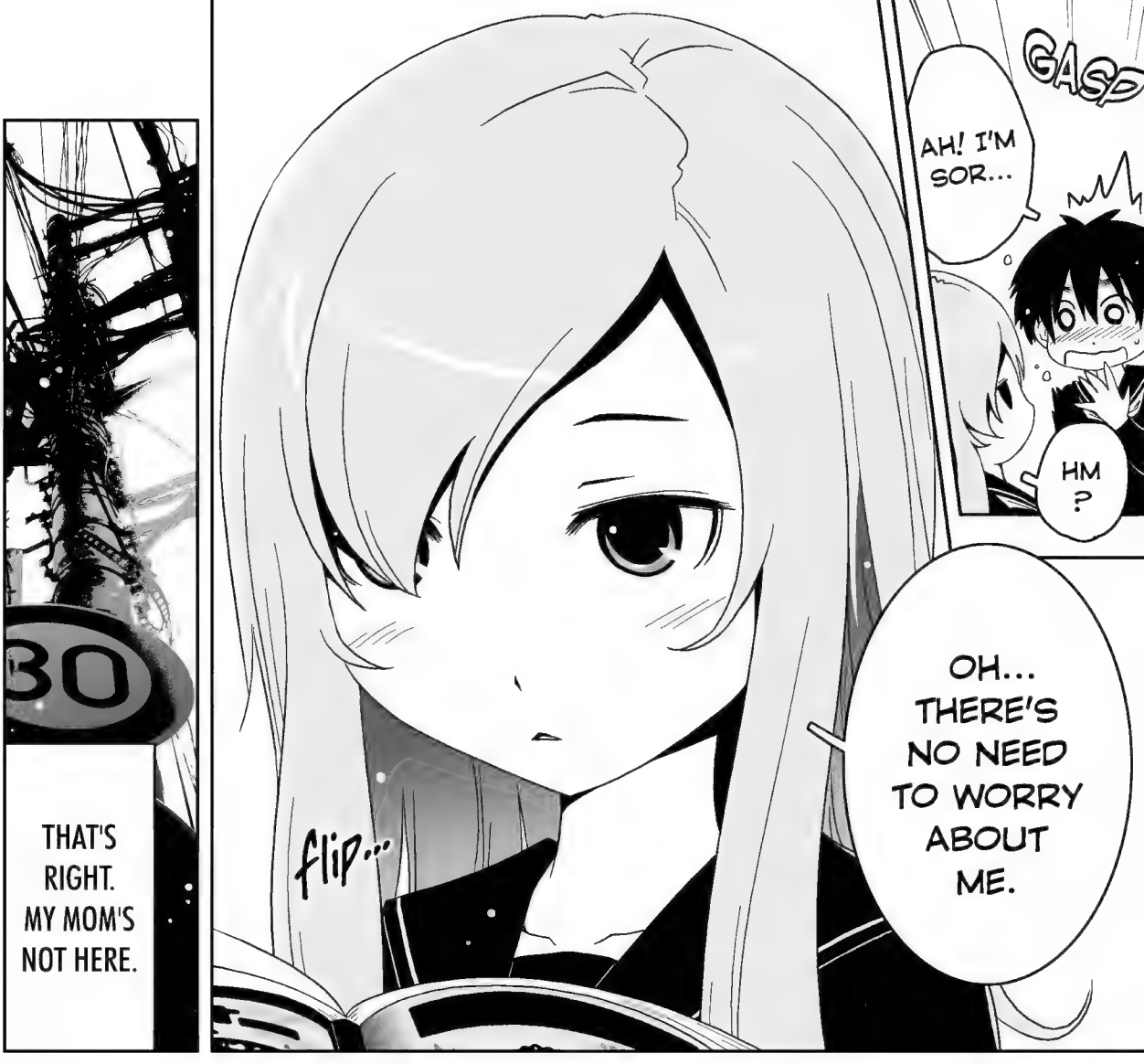
ALL KINDS OF THINGS HAVE BEEN HAPPENING AT THE FURUYA HOUSE OVER THE PAST FEW DAYS.
THAT'S RIGHT... CHIHIRO'S YOUNGER SISTER...
HM ?
STEP
STEP
BUT IN THE MIDST OF THIS SITUATION, THERE'S STILL SOMEONE WHO COOLLY HANDLES ALL OF THE CHORES FOR THE FURUYA FAMILY.

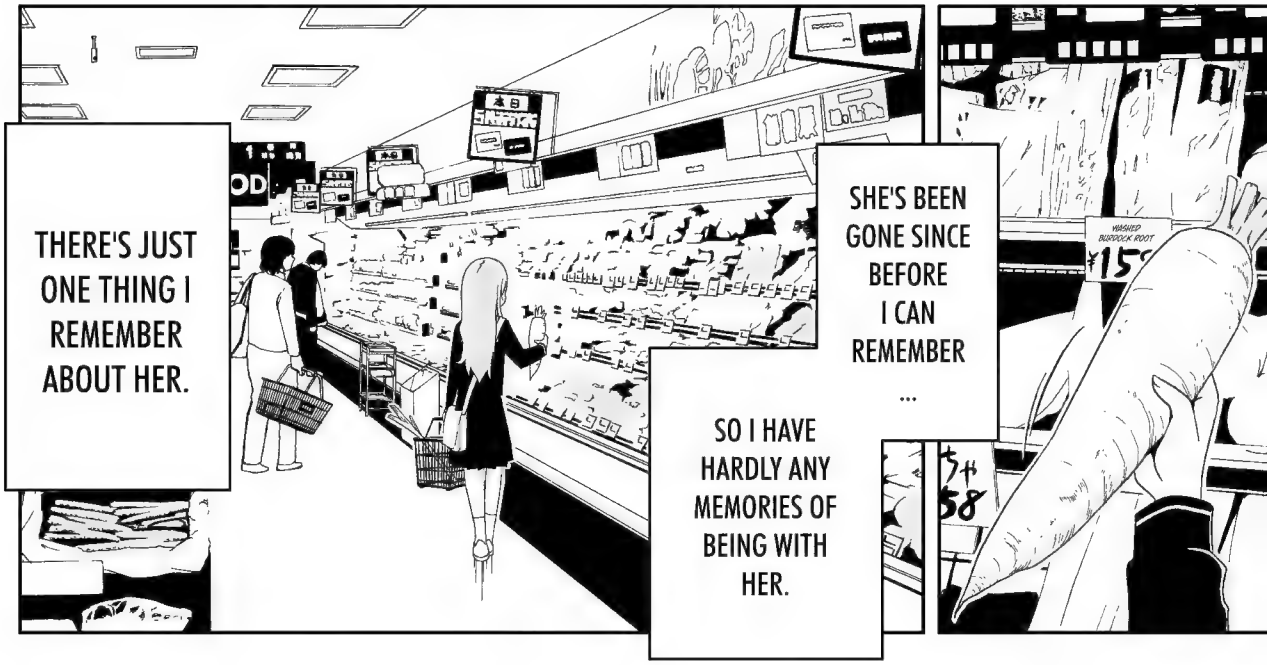
PAT
... NNHH.
SLIME...
...
FURUYA MERO, 12 YEARS OLD.
12
A MOTHER'S... HANDS...
BRAINDEAD


RISE OF ZOMBIES!!
WOW, COOL !!
I MEAN, IF THEY REALLY EXISTED, THEN THEY'D BE ON TV OR IN NEWS-PAPERS BY NOW, RIGHT?
OH? BUT THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS ZOMBIES.
DON'T BE FOOLED, MIKO !
smile
Mero's classmate
Yasaka Miko
WHOA, I'M SUPER EXCITED !
IT SAYS HERE, "SIGHTINGS OF ZOMBIES ARE SUDDENLY INCREASING ALL AROUND THE WORLD... WHAT IS HAPPENING TO HUMANKIND?"
SHIVER
SHIVER
Mero's classmate
Shinoda Ichie
MERO-CHAN, WHAT DO YOU THINK ?
BAM
THE GOVERN-MENT IS COVERING IT UP, I'M TELLING YOU!!
It said so online, too!!

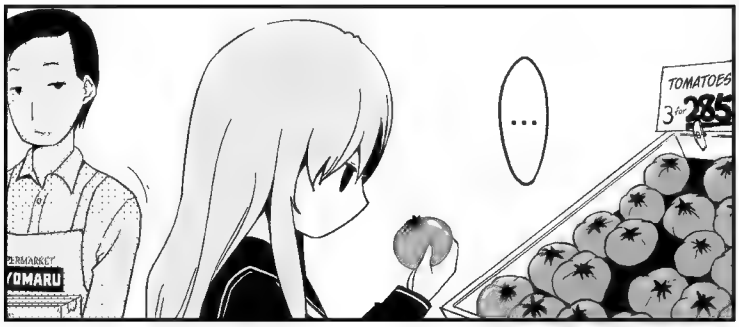
IF YOU WANT TO SEE A ZOMBIE, ONE HAS BEEN LIVING IN MY HOUSE FOR THREE DAYS NOW. SO?
6. MUOH
EMIT COMPRESSED LIGHT ENERGY!
ZOMBIES IN JAPAN!
THEN TAKE A PHOTO AS PROOF !!
AND WE CAN SUBMIT IT TO MONTHLY MUOH!!
• Fear of the reanimated dead
HOW COULD A ZOMBIE EVEN HAVE PRIVACY ?!
OH, BUT FROM A PRIVACY STANDPOINT, THAT'S NOT VERY...
SHOCKING SCOOP
OH, BUT SHE MIGHT BE OUT RIGHT NOW.
BAM
WHOAAA, ARE YOU SERIOUS? SHOW ME AFTER CLASS !!
ARE YOU SERI-OUS ?!

At school...
...
Vegetarian...
WAIT! YOU JUST SAID THE ZOMBIE WENT OUT. IS THAT OKAY?!
HM? SHE'S JUST GOING TO SCHOOL LIKE NORMAL ...
BUT, HEY, WHAT IF SHE ATTACKS A PERSON AND EATS THEIR FLESH ?!
NO, SHE JUST EATS HYDRANGEA LEAVES. I THINK SHE MAY BE A VEGETARIAN.
S... SOME-HOW THAT REALLY DOESN'T SEEM LIKE A REG-ULAR ZOMBIE ...
IS IT REALLY A ZOMBIE ...?
BIG BROTHER SAYS SO.
BIG BRO-THER ?!
SO IT'S JUST WHAT YOUR WEIRD BROTHER SAID, THEN...
I want to kiss a zombie girl!!...
AWWW. SO IT'S PROBABLY JUST A FAKE, RIGHT?
NO IDEA.
PFF, I THOUGHT IT WAS OUR CHANCE TO GET FAMOUS ...
HMPH
JEEZ. YOU SHOULD TELL YOUR MOM TO BE HARDER ON THAT WEIRDO.
OH, ICHIE-CHAN...!! MERO-CHAN'S MOM IS...


GASP
AH! I'M SOR...
HM?
OH... THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT ME.
flip...
30
THAT'S RIGHT. MY MOM'S NOT HERE.


THERE'S JUST ONE THING I REMEMBER ABOUT HER.
SHE'S BEEN GONE SINCE BEFORE I CAN REMEMBER ...
SO I HAVE HARDLY ANY MEMORIES OF BEING WITH HER.
WASHED BURDOCK ROOT

THAT IS...
OH MY ...
COULD IT BE A FEVER ?
glide...
PAT
AH ...
...I'M NO GOOD.
TEE HEE ;;
I CAN'T TELL HER TEMPERATURE LIKE THIS, CAN I?
HER HAND ...
TEE TEE
FLUSH...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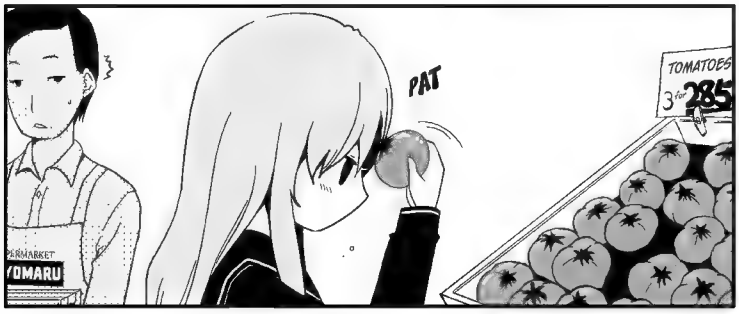
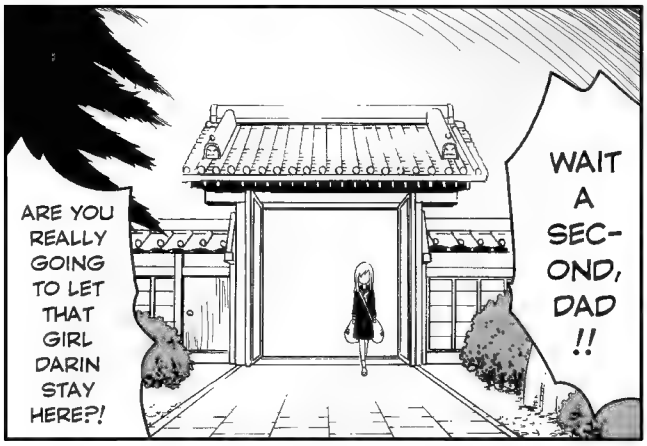
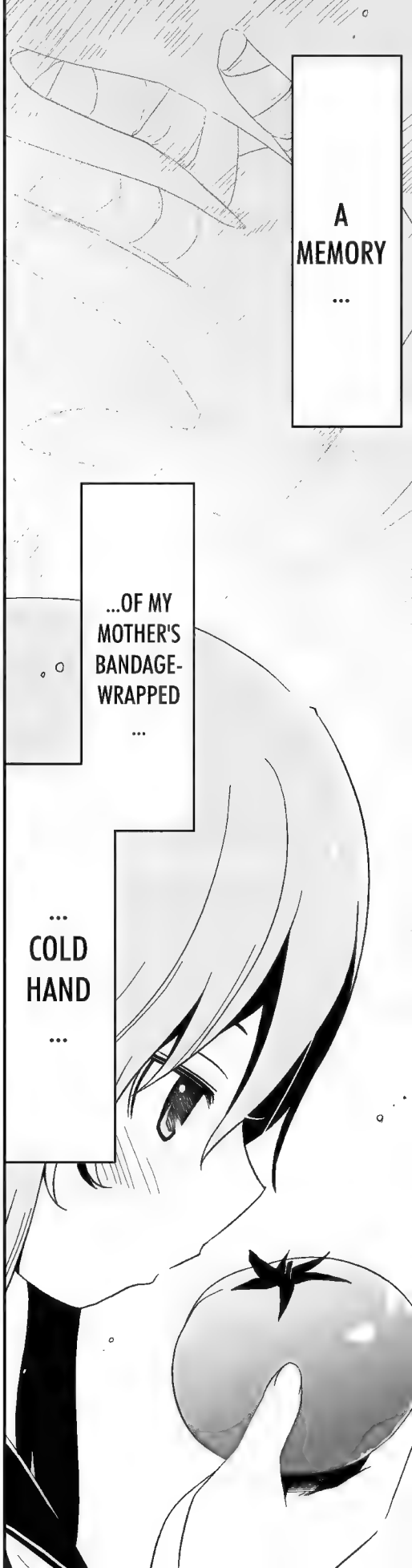
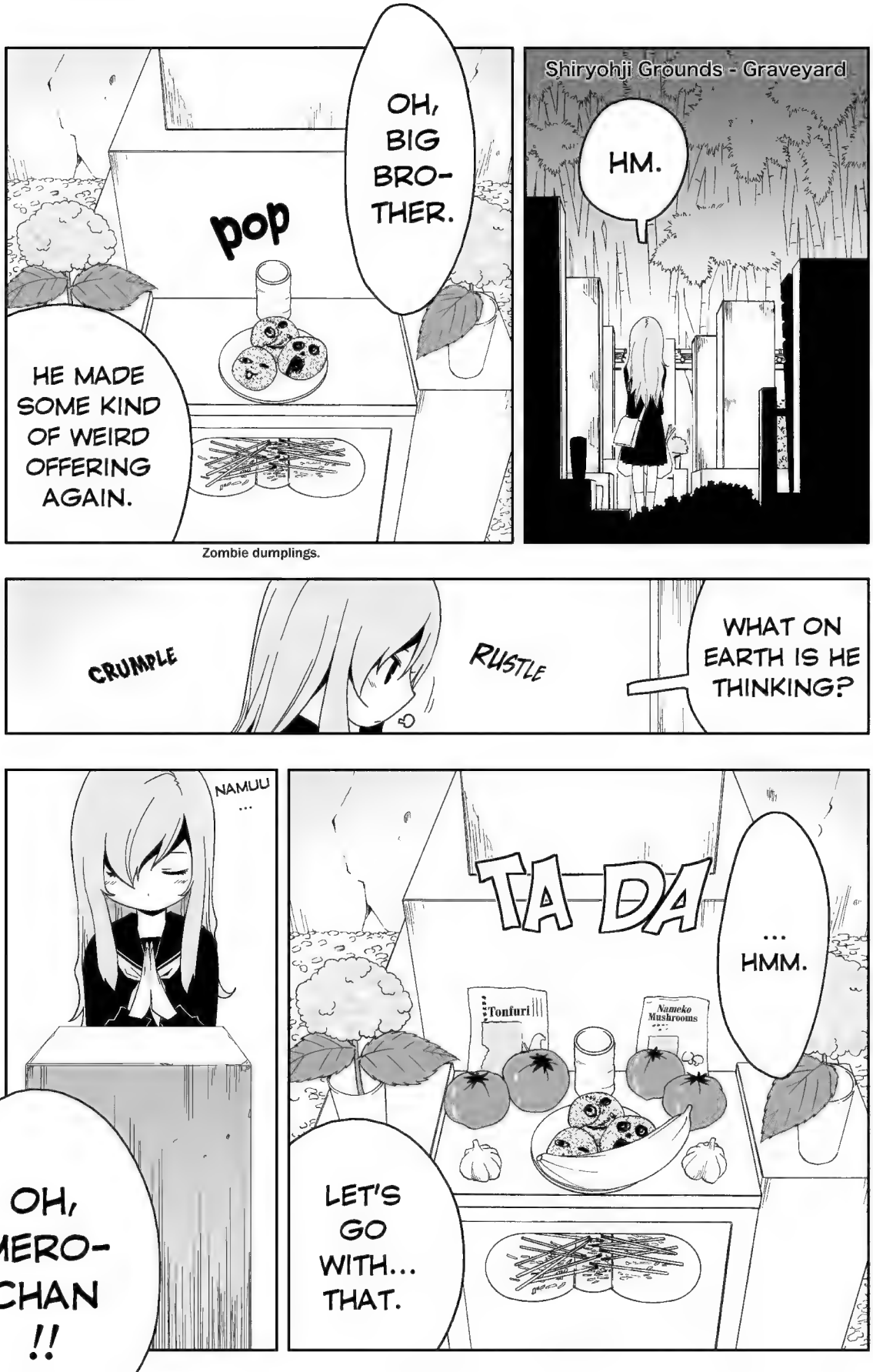
TOMATOES
3 for 285


PAT
TOMATOES
3 for 285


ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO LET THAT GIRL DARIN STAY HERE?!
WAIT A SEC-OND, DAD !!

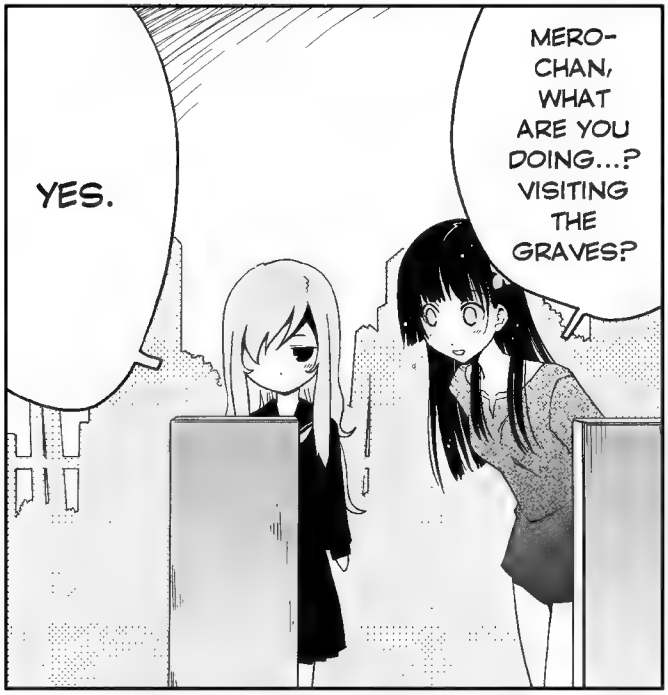
TAP TAP
chatter
clamour
IS THERE A GUEST VISITING ?
WELL... I REALLY DOUBT THAT, ACTUALLY ... SO...
SHE KNOWS YOUR GRANDPA, RIGHT?


A MEMORY ...
...OF MY MOTHER'S BANDAGE-WRAPPED ...
... COLD HAND ...


OH, BIG BRO-THER.
pop
HE MADE SOME KIND OF WEIRD OFFERING AGAIN.
Shiryohji Grounds - Graveyard
HM.
Zombie dumplings.
CRUMPLE
RUSTLE
WHAT ON EARTH IS HE THINKING?
NAMUU ...
OH, MERO-CHAN !!
TA-DA
Tonfuri
Nameko Mushrooms
... HMM.
LET'S GO WITH... THAT.

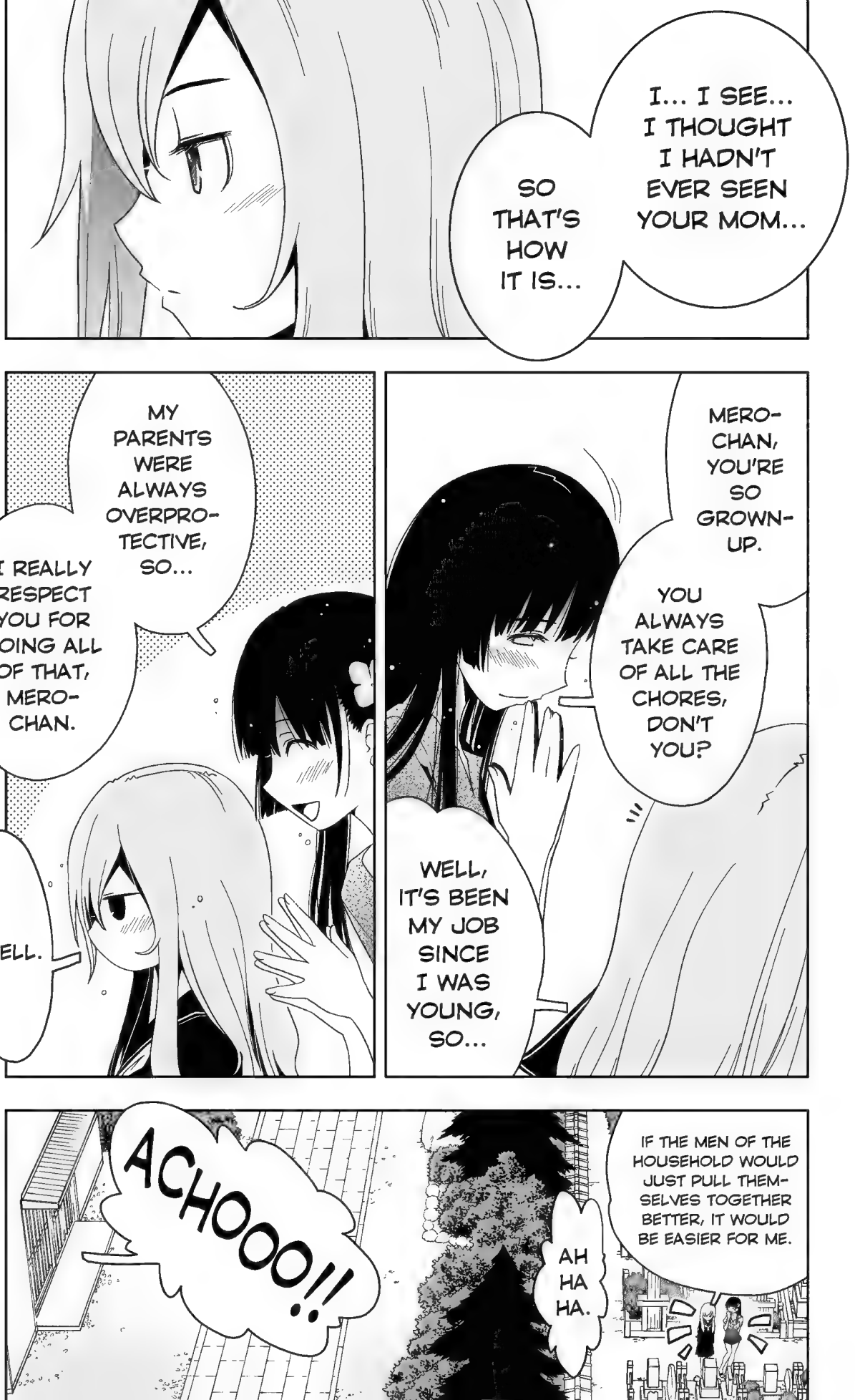
REA-
DONO,
I'VE
JUST
COME
HOME.
SO,
DO YOU
HAVE
SOME
KIND OF
ERRAND
AT THE
GRAVES
?
NO,
NOTHING
IN
PARTI-
CULAR
...

WEL-
COME
HOME.
AH.


MERO-
CHAN,
WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING...?
VISITING
THE
GRAVES?
YES.

YOUR
GRAND-
FATHER'S
FRIEND
IS HERE
RIGHT
NOW
...
SO
IT WAS
A LITTLE
HARD FOR
ME TO BE
IN THE
HOUSE
...
OH
...

MY
MOTHER'S.
!


I... I SEE... I THOUGHT I HADN'T EVER SEEN YOUR MOM...
SO THAT'S HOW IT IS...
MERO-CHAN, YOU'RE SO GROWN-UP.
YOU ALWAYS TAKE CARE OF ALL THE CHORES, DON'T YOU?
WELL, IT'S BEEN MY JOB SINCE I WAS YOUNG, SO...
MY PARENTS WERE ALWAYS OVERPRO-TECTIVE, SO...
I REALLY RESPECT YOU FOR DOING ALL OF THAT, MERO-CHAN.
WELL.
ACHOOO!!
AH HA HA.
IF THE MEN OF THE HOUSEHOLD WOULD JUST PULL THEM-SELVES TOGETHER BETTER, IT WOULD BE EASIER FOR ME.

HUH ?
PLEASE LET ME HELP YOU WITH THE CHORES FROM NOW ON!!
OH, THAT'S RIGHT!
CLAP

BA-BUMP
OKAY ?
PLEASE, MERO-CHAN?
NO... THAT WOULD BE UNFAIR ...
WHY? THAT'S NOT TRUE.
AND I REALLY WANT TO TRY IT OUT!

BLUSH
!!
MERO-CHAN...
OKAY...
BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP
WHY NOW, ALL OF A SUDDEN...?
... HUH ?!
HOO-RAY!
... OKAY.
DROOP
pat
IS IT A FEVER ?!
HUHHH, WHAT'S WRONG? YOUR FACE IS BRIGHT RED!!
FLUSSSH

CHILL
...!!
...
OH!
whish
AH...
tee hee
OH I'M NO GOOD! AS A ZOMBIE ...
... I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO TELL YOUR TEMPERATURE EVEN IF I TOUCHED YOU.
hee
hee

MAMA
...
HM
?
Mama?
GASP
AH
...!
I...
IT'S
...
IT'S
NOTH-
ING
!!
WHOOOSH
OH!
WHY DID
I CALL
HER THAT
THEN...?
SUPER MARKET

Afterwards, we made dinner together...

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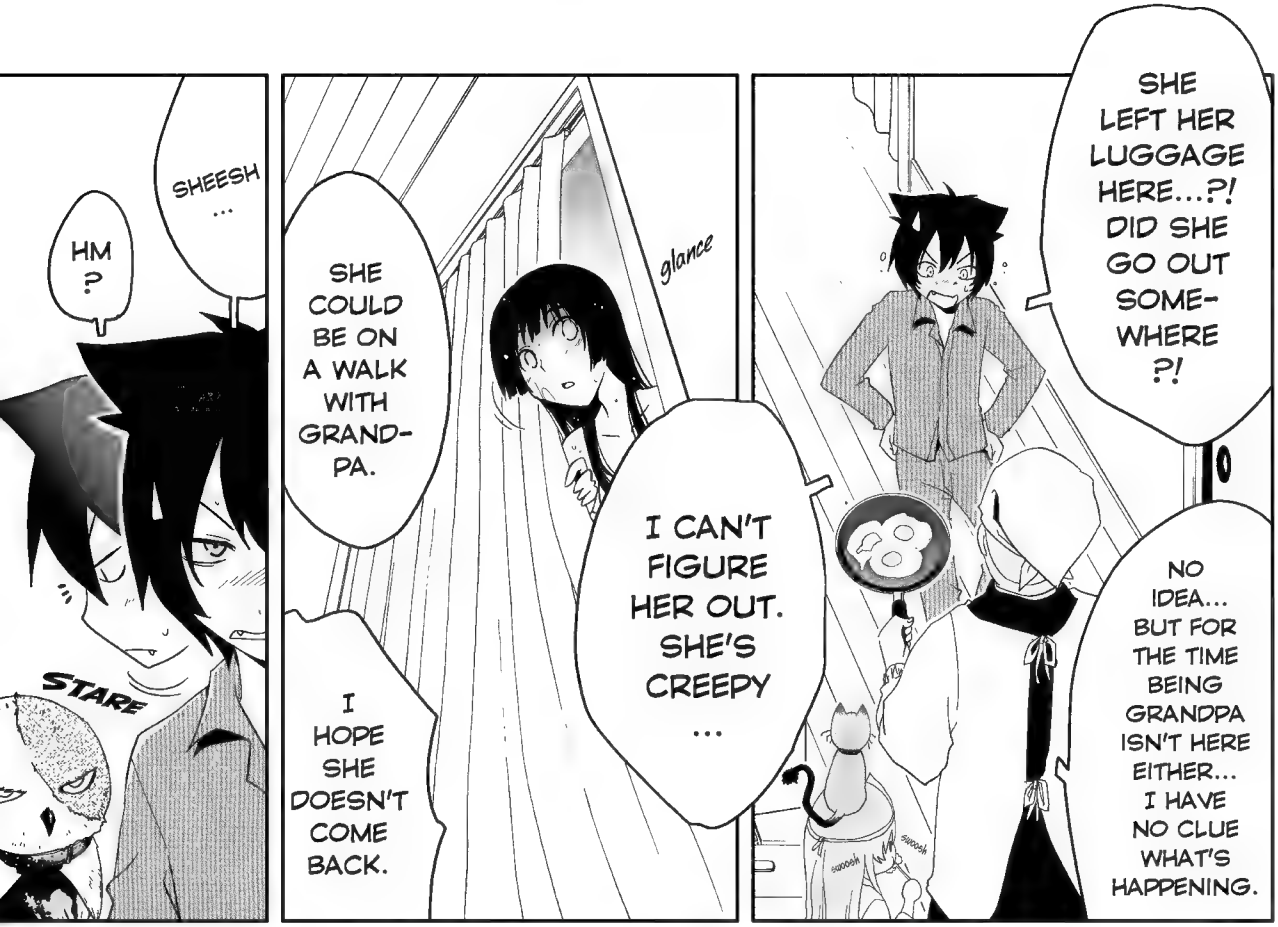
IN... COMPREHENSIBLE...

✦ ✦ ✦ ✦ FIDO ✦ ✦ ✦ ✦

tweet
tweet
FSHHH
...WAS HOW YOU USE THIS... RIGHT ?
THIS ...
SQUEEZE
SQUEEZE
SQUEEZE
EXER-
CISING
...
STARE
TWITCH
DARIN DISAP-PEARED ?!


SHE LEFT HER LUGGAGE HERE...?! DID SHE GO OUT SOME-WHERE ?!
NO IDEA... BUT FOR THE TIME BEING GRANDPA ISN'T HERE EITHER... I HAVE NO CLUE WHAT'S HAPPENING.
glance
SHE COULD BE ON A WALK WITH GRAND-PA.
I CAN'T FIGURE HER OUT. SHE'S CREEPY ...
I HOPE SHE DOESN'T COME BACK.
SHEESH ...
HM ?
STARE

TWITCH
WHOA !!
SHE LEFT THIS GUY HERE TOO ?!
shh
OH... 18-CHAN, WAS IT...?
GOOD MORN-ING !
H-HEY! BETTER NOT GET TOO CLOSE ...
TWIRL
BUT HE SEEMS OKAY ...
TUG

EEEEEEKK!!
SHOPPER SHOPPER
SEE, LOOK! HE'S JUST AS BAD AS HIS OWNER !!
Papa:
HA HA HA! WHAT A SIGHT !
ignore
!!!
FLAP

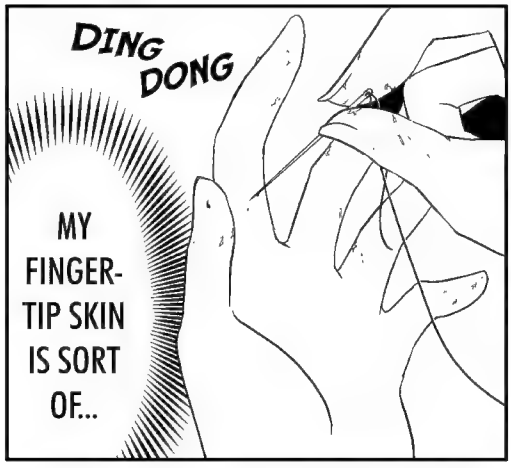
...
glance
WANKO ISN'T HERE, IS SHE?

HUSTLE
BUSTLE
YES... I'LL TRY NOT TO RUN AND JUMP SO MUCH.
PARTI-CULARLY IN GYM.
JUST DON'T OVER-EXTEND YOUR-SELF.

DAY AFTER TOMORROW ...?
TWITCH
HUH ?
THE DAY AFTER TOMOR-ROW... UM ...
SCRITCH...
...AH, NOW THAT YOU MEN-TION IT...

Hm?
...
AH ...
SEE YOU.
FWISHH
AH, NO, NO ...
WE'LL TALK AFTER YOU GET HOME ...
STEP STEP

THE DAY AFTER TOMOR-ROW... THAT'S THE FESTIVAL, ISN'T IT?
TUG
...I WONDER WHAT FURUYA-KUN WAS TRYING TO SAY...
TUG



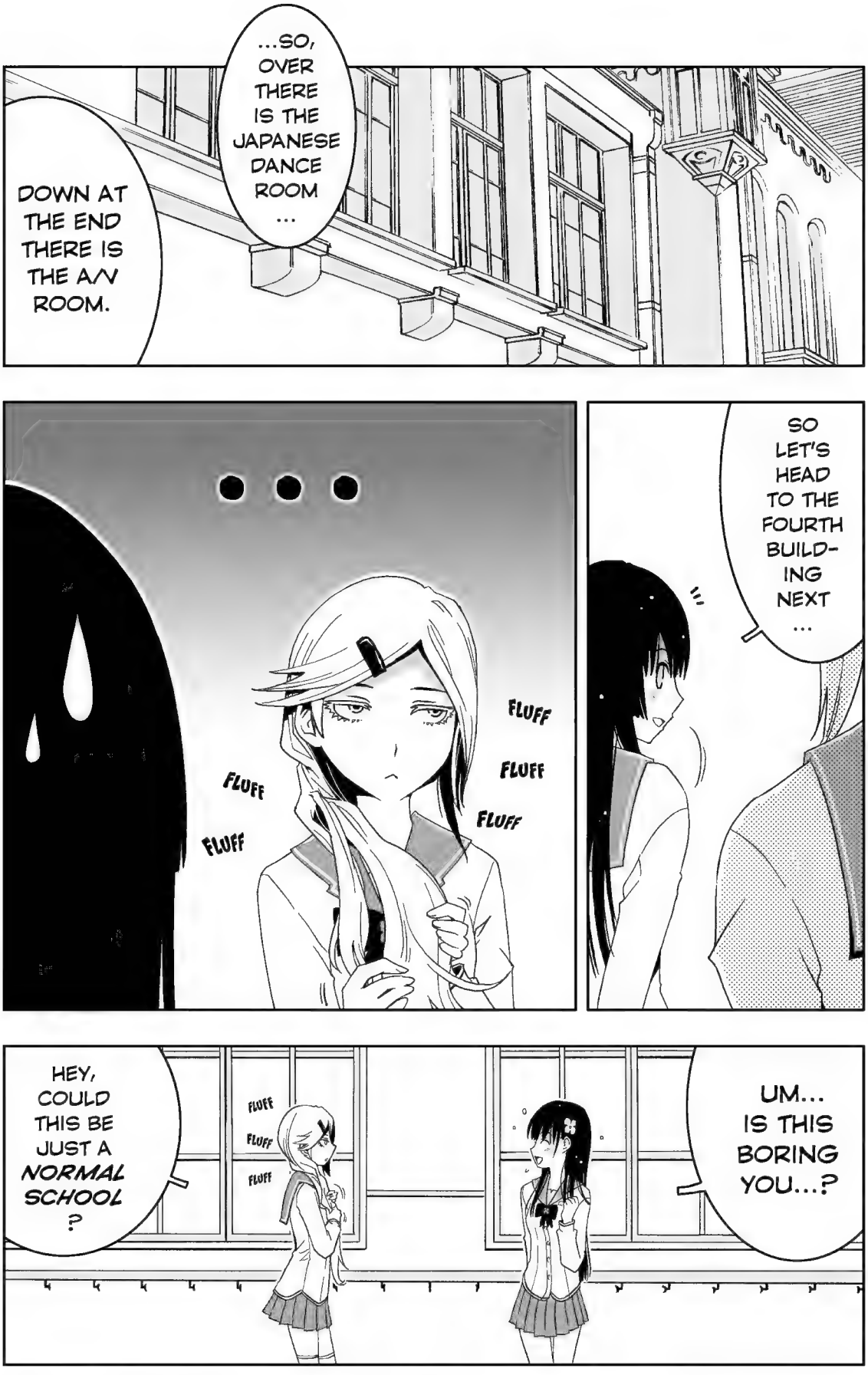
I'VE BEEN DOING MEISHIN SINCE WE STARTED SCHOOL A MONTH AND A HALF AGO...
THEY SAID THAT ONE SMALL EFFORT ON TOP OF ANOTHER WOULD EVENTUALLY LEAD TO GREAT SKILL, AND LOOK!
HUH? DID SOMETHING HAPPEN TO YOUR HAND ?

* Sanka Girls' Academy has "Meishin" (sewing) time scheduled before homeroom.

STEP
STEP
HUH? HOMEROOM IS JUST ABOUT TO START, YOU KNOW!
UH ... UMM ...
AH... I'M GOING TO GO TO THE BATHROOM FOR A MOMENT.
CLATTER
HUH ...?
THAT FIGURE... I'VE SEEN IT SOMEWHERE BEFORE...

BAM
SPIN
OH ...!!
THERE YOU ARE!!
ER... KURUMIYA-SAN?!
WH... WHY ARE YOU HERE AT SCHOOL ...?!
STEP
STEP
HEH HEH... JAPANESE SCHOOL SECURITY IS SO LIGHT.
JUST WEAR A SCHOOL UNIFORM, AND NO ONE SUSPECTS YOU...
ILLEGAL INFILTRA-TION?!

TWITCH
OH MY, SANKA-SAN? HOMEROOM IS ABOUT TO START!
I'M ON A HOMESTAY WITH THE SANKA FAMILY AND WILL BE COMING HERE OFFICIALLY STARTING NEXT WEEK...
I THOUGHT I WOULD FIRST TAKE A LOOK AROUND THE INSIDE OF THE SCHOOL ...
WELL!
HUH? WHICH CLASS IS THAT GIRL IN ...?
NICE TO MEET YOU, TEACHER.
Let's see...
UH, SHE ...
THEN PLEASE SHOW HER AROUND THE SCHOOL, REA-SAN.
Don't worry about homeroom.
POOF
UMM... YES...
OH? ARE YOU SURE?


...SO, OVER THERE IS THE JAPANESE DANCE ROOM ...
DOWN AT THE END THERE IS THE A/V ROOM.
FLUFF
FLUFF
FLUFF
FLUFF
FLUFF
SO LET'S HEAD TO THE FOURTH BUILD-ING NEXT ...
HEY, COULD THIS BE JUST A NORMAL SCHOOL ?
FLUFF
FLUFF
FLUFF
UM... IS THIS BORING YOU...?

WOOM
ARE YOU A MORON ?!
YES, OF COURSE ...
uhhh...
?
OKAY ...
UM, WHAT DO YOU MEAN ...?
glance
WELL, FINE THEN.
SO, CAN'T WE GO OVER THERE?
HUH ?
YOU MEAN... ON TOP OF THE LECTURE HALL ROOF ?!
CLACK...
THAT AREA IS OFF LIMITS, AND YOU CAN'T GET THERE FROM BELOW ...
HMMM ...

!!!

WHAM

FWOOOM

HUUUHHH
?

SCR

SHK
WE CAN JUST GET THERE FROM ABOVE, THEN.
grin
... ARE YOU COMING, TOO?
EH... AH... UM...
FROM HERE, WITHOUT EVEN A RUNNING START ...?!
WAH ...!!
turn
SO... YOU'RE NOT COMING?
AH, WAIT ...
KURUMIYA-SAN.

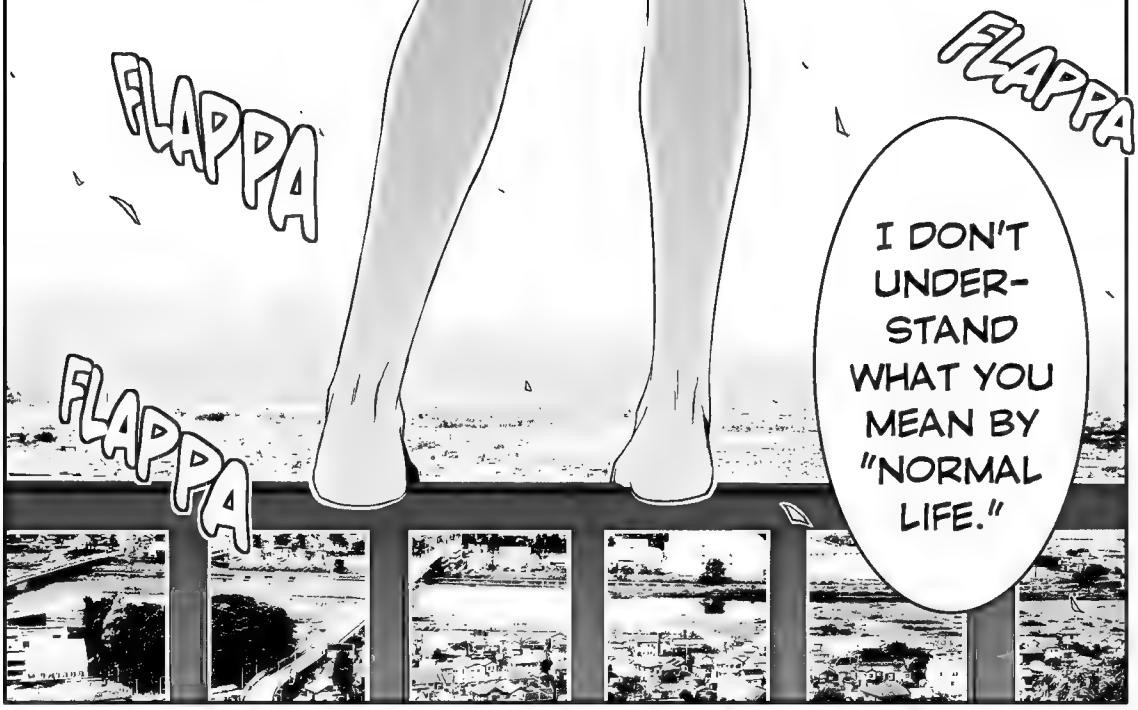
VWOOM
OH, DEAR ...
FWOOM
OH, DEAR !!
EEEK!
THUMP
GASP
OH, SO YOU REALLY CAME ?
O... OF COURSE !

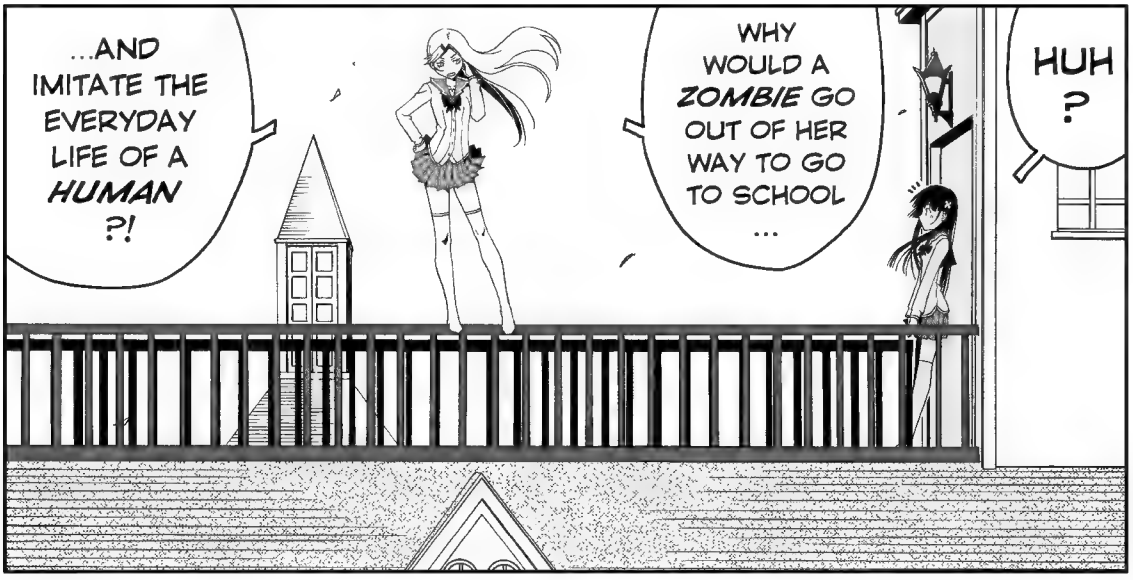
HUHH ?
WHAT KIND OF REASON IS THAT ...?
...TO SHOW YOU AROUND SCHOOL !
TEA- CHER TOLD ME...
BAM
BY THAT YOU MEAN ...?
THE JUMP! YOU JUMPED FROM THAT DISTANCE, WITHOUT A RUNNING START...
TAP TAP
B... BUT HOW CAN YOU DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT ?!
flutter
flutter
HUH ?
SAME AS YOU.

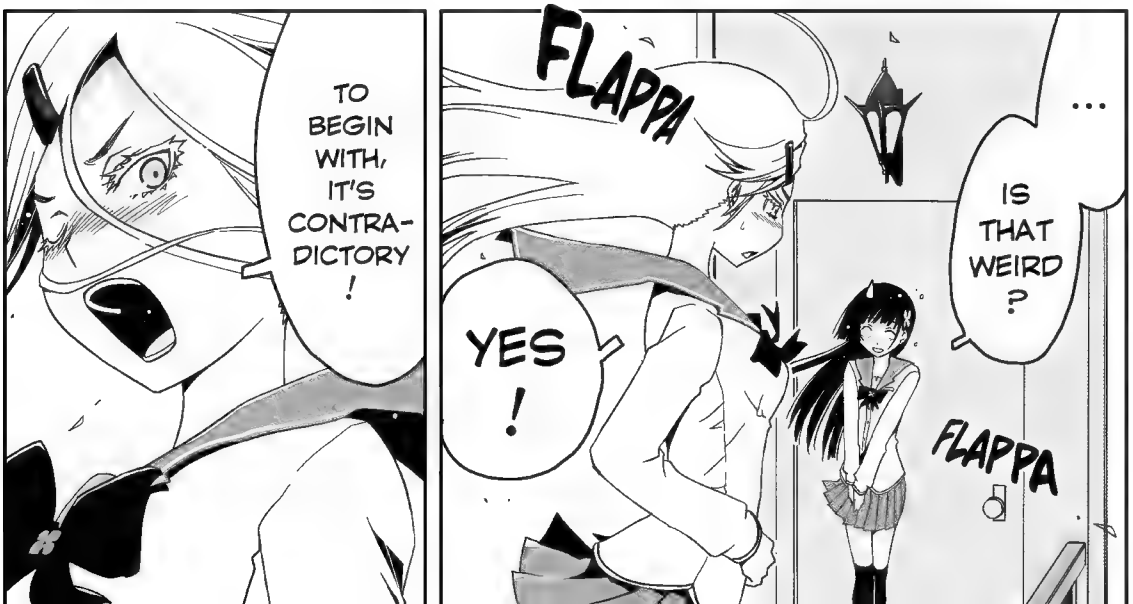
TAP
I RE-MOVED THEM JUST A LITTLE.
MY BRAIN'S LIMIT-ERS.
H... HUH ?!
BUT KURUMIYA, YOU'RE NOT A ZOMBIE ...
RIGHT. I'M ALIVE... THOUGH I'VE GOT A SLIGHT AMOUNT OF THE "ZOMBIE POISON" INSIDE MY BODY AS PART OF MY RESEARCH ...
POI-SON ...?!
JUST LIKE FURUYA-KUN EARLIER...
SO SHE'S BECOME A HALF-ZOMBIE ...?!

DING DONG
chatter
chatter
DING
DONG
OH, BUT IF WE MESSED UP THE AMOUNT I'D DIE TOO, HUH?
MY WOUND STILL HURTS. I PROBABLY SHOULD HAVE HAD REA GIVE ME A LITTLE BITE AND GOTTEN SOME OF HER POISON ...
TWITCH
TWITCH
TWITCH
GRHH.
GRMRMR...
I MEAN, I REALLY SCREWED UP THIS MORNING...
I THOUGHT THAT REA WOULD WANT TO GO TO THE SHIYOH FESTIVAL THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW...
AND I WANTED TO INVITE HER, BUT THE WORDS JUST WOULDN'T COME OUT RIGHT...
Is this my lack of experience...?
UGH ...
FOR EXAMPLE, YASU-TAKA...
HM ?
It's not like you to be troubled like this.
AW, WHAT'S WRONG, FURUYA ?
UNLIKE YOU, I'VE GOT A TON OF PROBLEMS !!
shuffle

H... HYPO-THETI-CALLY ...
IF YOU WERE GOING TO INVITE A GIRL TO THE FESTIVAL, WHAT WOULD YOU SAY TO HER?
WHO ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
ER.
BAM
W... WHAT IS IT?
WOBBLE
HNN ...?!
HNNGH ...?!
WOBBLE
WHO COULD FURUYA-KUN BE GOING WITH ...?
OWW...
NO, I'M NOT... I JUST, UM...
WAHHH
OR IS IT WANKO-SAN?! EITHER WAY, I WON'T ALLOW IT!!
THERE'S NO WAY THAT YOU'RE PLANNING TO INVITE REA-SAN, IS THERE?!


FLAPPA
FLAPPA
FLAPPA
I DON'T UNDER-STAND WHAT YOU MEAN BY "NORMAL LIFE."


...AND IMITATE THE EVERYDAY LIFE OF A *HUMAN* ?!
WHY WOULD A *ZOMBIE* GO OUT OF HER WAY TO GO TO SCHOOL ...
HUH ?


TO BEGIN WITH, IT'S CONTRA-DICTORY !
FLAPPA
YES !
... IS THAT WEIRD ?
FLAPPA

FLUTTER
ON THE ONE HAND, IF YOU WANT TO MAINTAIN YOUR BODY OVER THE LONG TERM ...
FLUTTER
SO HOW CAN YOU GO OUTSIDE AND DO THIS MUCH DAMAGE TO IT?
WHEN I HEARD THAT YOU WERE GOING TO SCHOOL ...
I THOUGHT SURELY IT WAS PART OF SOME KIND OF EXPERIMENT, OR THAT THIS PLACE HAD SOME TYPE OF RESEARCH FACILITY...
FLUTTER
BUT IT'S JUST A NORMAL SCHOOL WITH A LITTLE AIR CONDI-TIONING !!
BUT THAT HASN'T BEEN MUCH OF AN ISSUE YET...
I'VE BEEN EATING HYDRAN-GEA, TOO...
TAMP
THAT'S ONLY JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE STILL IN THE "FRESH PERIOD."
?!
THUMP

WOOSH

ONCE THAT HAPPENS... *COHABITATION*... WITH LIVING HUMANS WILL NO LONGER BE POSSIBLE...

I'VE SPENT THE EIGHT YEARS SINCE I TURNED SIX STUDYING *ZOMBIE MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY*. I'VE SEEN HUNDREDS OF ZOMBIES, SO I GUARANTEE YOU...

AFTER ALL, A ZOMBIE IS A ZOMBIE.

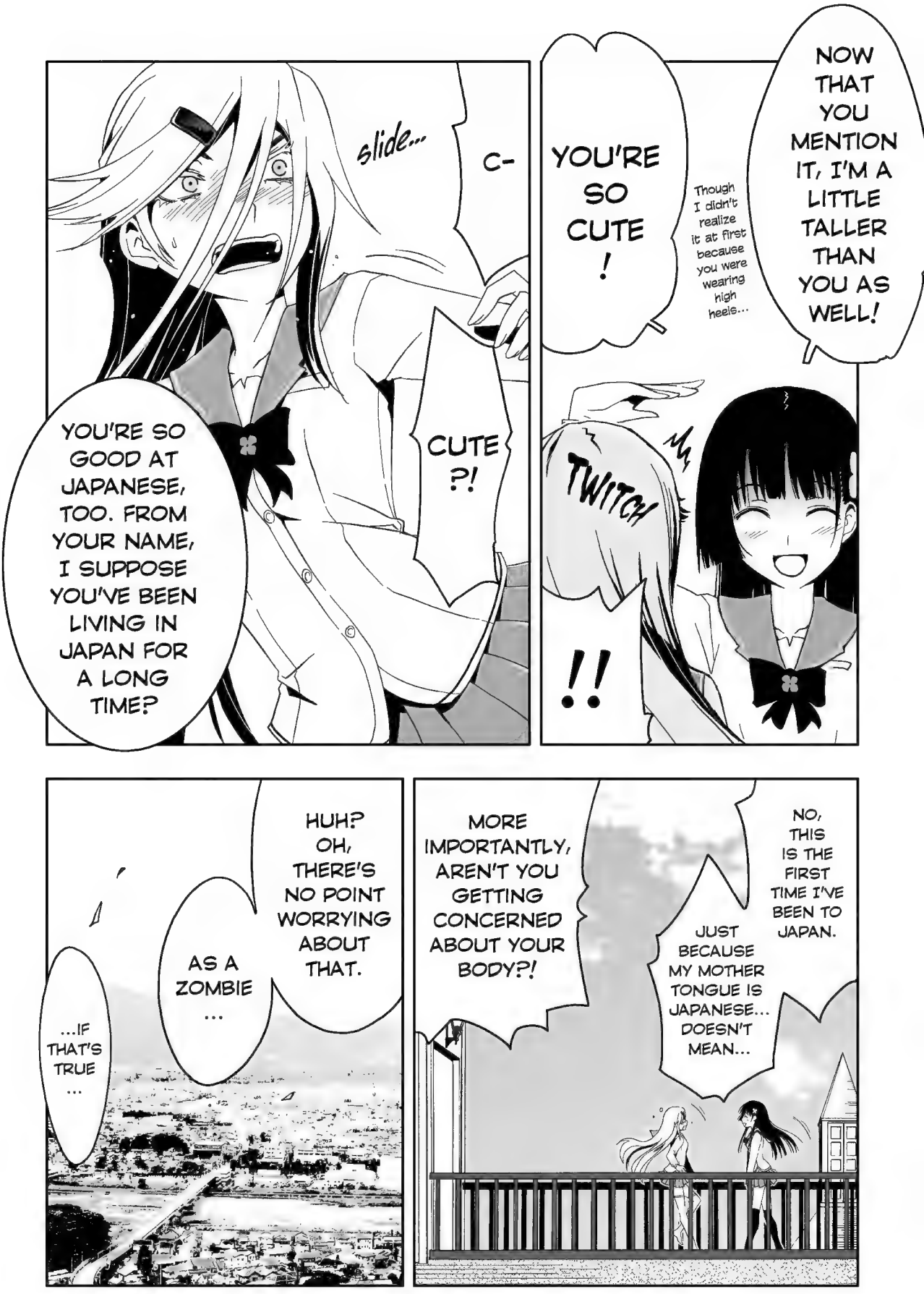
AFTER ABOUT A WEEK, THE "FRESH PERIOD" WILL END, AND YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO KEEP YOUR BODY OR YOUR REASON INTACT WITH HYDRANGEAS ALONE...

THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
…!!
THUMP
UM…
I… SEE…
THUMP
THUMP
SO YOU'VE FINALLY REAL-IZED?
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
I SEE NOW… KURU-MIYA-SAN…

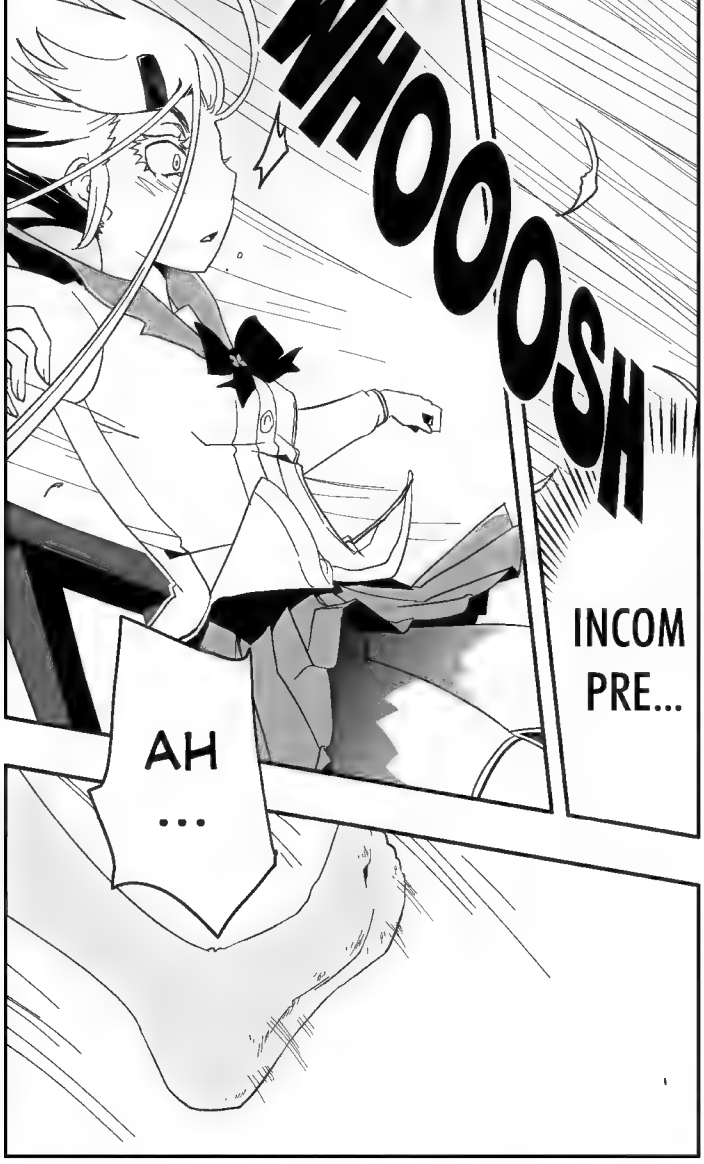
YOUNGER THAN ME, AREN'T YOU?
If you're fourteen!
YOU'RE ...
SMILEE

HUH
?

W-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
whish
I TOTALLY THOUGHT YOU WERE OLDER!
WOW! THE FIRST TIME WE MET, YOUR CLOTHES LOOKED SO GROWN-UP...


NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, I'M A LITTLE TALLER THAN YOU AS WELL!
Though I didn't realize it at first because you were wearing high heels...
YOU'RE SO CUTE!
TWITCH
!!
C-
slide...
CUTE?!
YOU'RE SO GOOD AT JAPANESE, TOO. FROM YOUR NAME, I SUPPOSE YOU'VE BEEN LIVING IN JAPAN FOR A LONG TIME?
NO, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE BEEN TO JAPAN.
JUST BECAUSE MY MOTHER TONGUE IS JAPANESE... DOESN'T MEAN...
MORE IMPORTANTLY, AREN'T YOU GETTING CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR BODY?!
HUH? OH, THERE'S NO POINT WORRYING ABOUT THAT.
AS A ZOMBIE ...
...IF THAT'S TRUE ...

THEN ISN'T IT BETTER FOR ME JUST TO ENJOY ...
... THE LIFE I HAVE NOW, UNTIL THE END?
... THIS CAN'T BE.
SUCH A POSITIVE ZOMBIE SPECIMEN ...
... CAN'T EXIST !!


WHOOOSH
INCOM PRE...
AH ...

INCOM-PREHEN-SIBLE.
?
INCOM-PREHEN-SIBLE.
slide
slide...
AH ...
I DON'T UNDER-STAND YOUR WAY OF THINK-ING AT ALL.

KRRR
SKKRRRR
TAP
I CAN'T STOP ...
ROLL
ROLL
...
AH, KURU-MIYA-SAN !!
DAMMIT, A SUDDEN GUST ...!!
I WON'T BE ABLE TO AVOID INJURY ...
EVEN THOUGH MY PHYSICAL ABILITIES ARE HEIGHTENED... IF I FALL IN THIS POSITION...
SKRRR

?!
GRIP
WHAA
BWOOSH
RUSTLE
RUSTLLLES

KURU-MIYA-SAN!!
KURU-MIYA-SAN, WAKE UP!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT ?!
NH ...
WHOOSH
OH... I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE ALL RIGHT ...
...
Y... YOU SAVED ME... ?!
ARE YOU INJURED ?!
... WAIT.

WHERE'S YOUR ARM?!
HUH ?
RED CENSORED
drip
OH... BUT THAT BLUNTED THE SHOCK OF THE FALL, SO YOU WEREN'T HURT TOO BADLY, RIGHT ?
WH...
AAGHH!! WHEN I GRABBED THAT BRANCH ON THE WAY DOWN, IT CAME OFF!!
I HANG
...
WHAM

awww
BUT WHAT SHOULD I DO ...?
FURUYA-KUN WILL BE FURIOUS WITH ME ...!!
SOME-THING'S WRONG WITH HER ...!!
OH, GOOD ...
THUNK
BUT... I WONDER IF WE CAN SEW THIS BACK ON ...?
slide
YAHH
YAHH
I can't reach it...
COULD IT BE ...
...THAT SHE'S JUST AN IDIOT, AFTER ALL ...?
FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE... I GUESS I HAVE NO CHOICE. I'LL PUT IT BACK ON IN SURGERY.
WHA ?! YOU CAN DO THAT ?!

I GUESS.
AS A THANK YOU FOR SAVING ME...
OHH, THANK YOU SO MUCH, DARIN-CHAN !!
STAND
AH... THAT'S RIGHT !!
CHAN ?!
TWITCH
YOU SAID BEFORE THAT YOU DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT I WAS THINKING...
WELL, IN ORDER TO MAKE YOU BETTER UNDER-STAND... IF IT'S ALL RIGHT...
UM ...

WON'T YOU GO WITH ME...
tee hee ...
...TO THE FESTIVAL THE DAY AFTER TOMOR-ROW ...?

TOTALLY
INCOMPRE-
HENSIBLE

MUTTER MUTTER MUTTER MMUUUTTERR
I DON'T KNOW A FACE-TO-FACE WAY OF ASKING HER
I COULD GO OUT OF MY WAY TO HOLD A FESTIVAL FAN AND WAIT FOR REA TO ASK ME ABOUT IT...
NO, THAT'S NOT RIGHT ...
GRR... HOW SHOULD I DO THIS NATURALLY ...?!

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✦ ✦ PLANET TERROR ✦ ✦

CLICK
CLICK

TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP...
NOW THEN, LET'S BEGIN ...
...THE ATTACH-MENT OPER-ATION.
YES ...
...WHAT IS THAT ?

SKKRR
OHHH ...
I SEE, THAT'S RIGHT ...
SKKRR
TO START OFF ...
WE NEED TO MAKE THE EDGES OF THE LACERATION EVEN, OR IT WON'T JOIN TOGETHER NICELY, WILL IT ?
EEEEE
BUT REALLY ...
... YOU ARE A PERFECT SPECI-MEN.
SKKRR

RUB...
I WOULD LIKE TO STUDY YOUR BRAIN AFTER ALL ...
IF POSSI-BLE ...
...SINCE WE'RE FRIENDS NOW...
OH ...
I DON'T MIND AT ALL.
GRIN
IS THAT SO?
THANK YOU ...
THUNK

SKREEE
STOPPP!!

HMM...? WHAT IS IT, FURUYA, HAVE A NICE DREAM OR SOMETHING ?
THIS IS CLASS TIME.
NH... AH... OH...

... OH.
mutter...

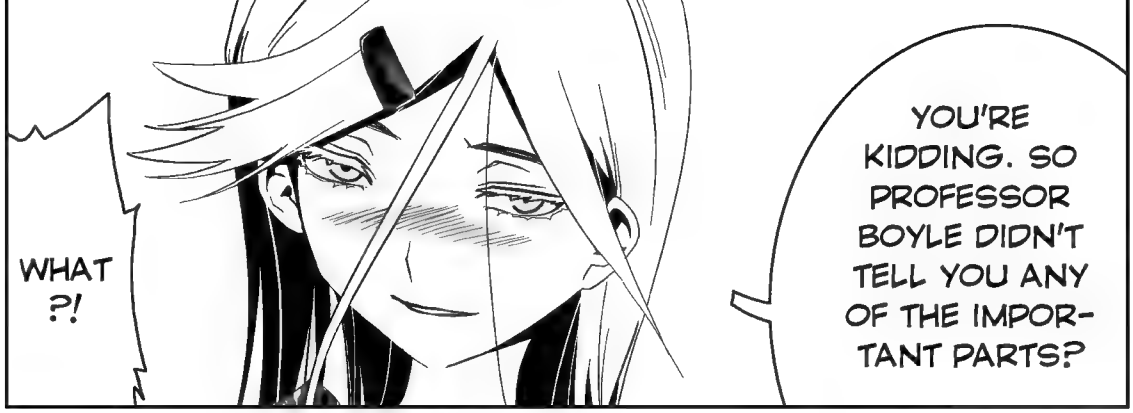
THE HISTORY OF CORPSE PRESERVATION PROCESSES
...
HM? WHAT'S THIS? WHAT IS HE READING ...?
THAT FURUYA'S BEEN TAKING OFF A LOT RECENT-LY...
I... I'M GOING TO THE BATH-ROOM FOR A SECOND.
AHAHA
FOR PETE'S SAKE.
HAHA
STEP STEP
BOYS
HEY, REA, ANSWER ME !!
WHAT'S WRONG ?! DID SOME-THING HAPPEN ?!
WHAT IS IT... I FEEL KIND OF UNEASY ...
REA ...
BEEP...
?
BEEP...
?
BEEP...
!!
GHRR GHRR

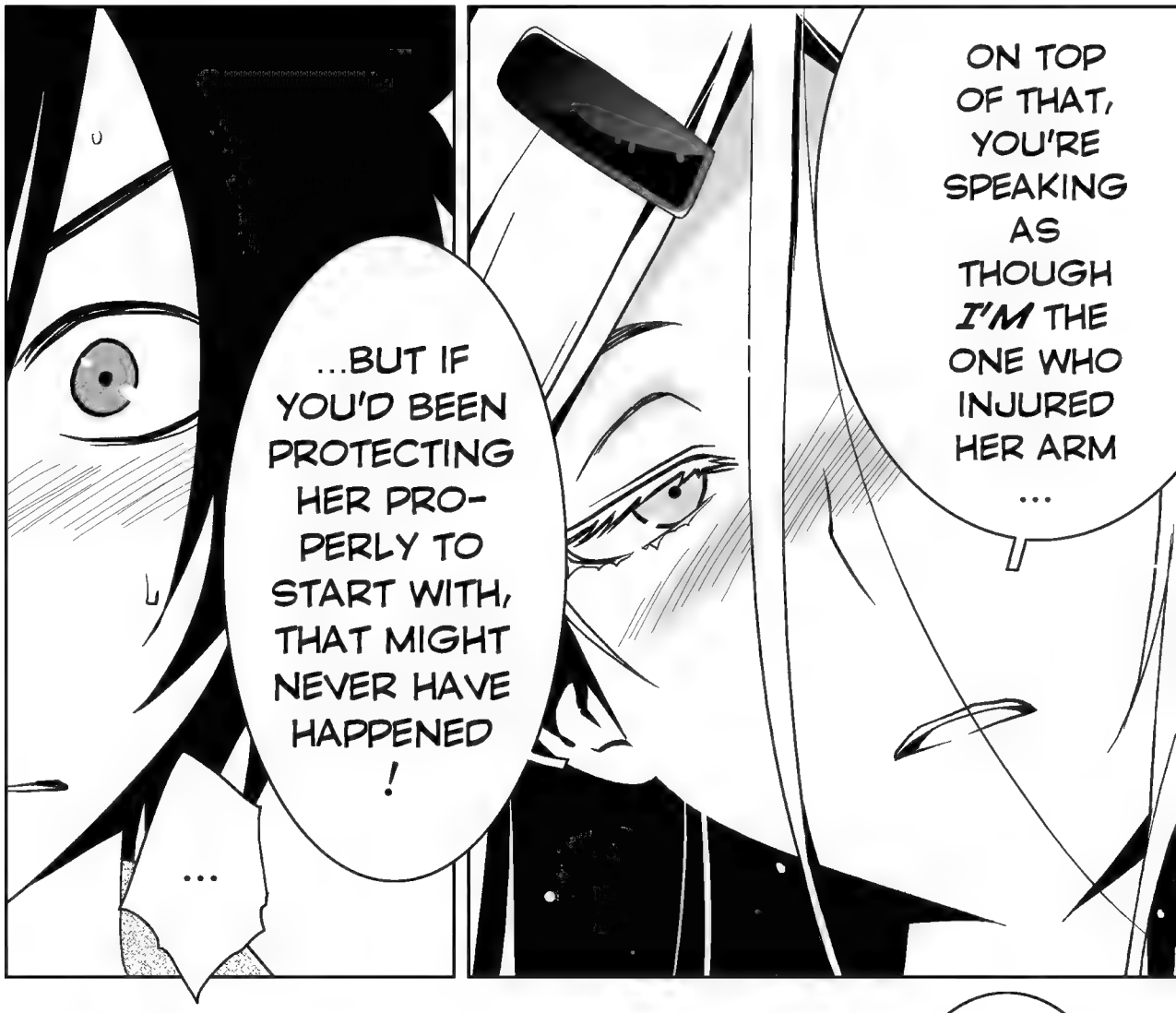
NOO! IT'S GOING TO TEAR !!
FURU-YA'S STILL NOT BACK ?
HE'S SO SLOW.
THAT GIRL ...
DAMN IT!
SKRH
KANA GAWA
H-HEY!! WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW... HEY !!
TSS..
Off
CLLACCKK
THOMP
THOMP
THOMP
SHE'S SHOWING HER TRUE COLORS WHILE I'M NOT AROUND...!!
SLAM
CLATTERRRR
HEY, LET'S FORGET ABOUT THIS THING ...
AAH, NO NO! DON'T PULL.
REA!!

HUH ...?
...OH. FURUYA-KUN, WELCOME HOME.
It was so sudden, I just...
WH... THIS IS... WHAT IN THE...?
UH, SORRY ...??
WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF CHANG-ING !!

ACTUALLY, DARIN-CHAN AND I DECIDED TO GO TO THE FESTIVAL TOGETHER THE DAY AFTER TOMOR-ROW!
SO I'M SHOWING HER HOW TO PUT ON A YUKATA.
She didn't know how and was pulling it, so it seemed like it was going to rip...
DON'T CALL ME CHAN !!
HM? BUT YOU'RE YOUNGER THAN ME.
AND WE'RE CLOSE NOW.
WHAT ...
... HAPP-ENED ?
DO-DON'T MIS-UNDER-STAND ME!
I DON'T INTEND TO GET FRIENDLY WITH A SPECIMEN !!
JUST BECAUSE I REATTACHED YOUR ARM DOESN'T MEAN...
ARM ?!
OH ... She said it...
HEY... THOSE BANDAGES ...!! WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR ARM?!
OH... THAT'S ...

YOU TRIED TO SAVE DARIN FROM FALLING OFF THE ROOF ...
AND IT CAME OFF ...?!
WHAT DID YOU DO TO REA ...!!
JAB
WAIT, FURUYA-KUN ...
YOU'RE WRONG, DARIN-CHAN DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG.
I'M RE-SPONSIBLE TOO, FOR LETTING HER GO TO A PLACE LIKE THAT ...
DARIN-CHAN PUT MY ARM BACK ON FOR ME AFTERWARD, TOO...
W... WHAT'S WITH YOU, REA ?
THAT GIRL JUST SEES YOU AS RAW MATERIAL FOR RESEARCH, YOU KNOW !
Y- YEAH, BUT THAT'S EXACTLY WHY SHE KNOWS WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO ME ...!
W... WHAT... WHAT DO YOU MEAN, HAPPEN ?


WHAT ?!
YOU'RE KIDDING. SO PROFESSOR BOYLE DIDN'T TELL YOU ANY OF THE IMPOR-TANT PARTS?

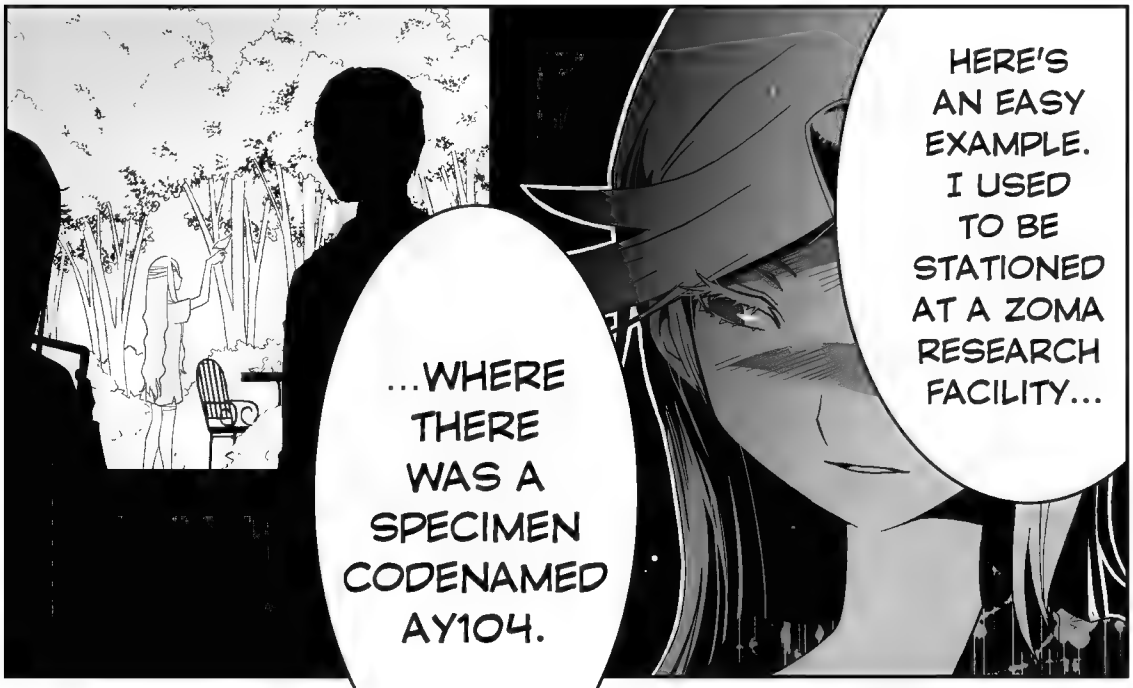

...
...BUT IF YOU'D BEEN PROTECTING HER PRO-PERLY TO START WITH, THAT MIGHT NEVER HAVE HAPPENED !
ON TOP OF THAT, YOU'RE SPEAKING AS THOUGH *I'M* THE ONE WHO INJURED HER ARM ...

YOU DIDN'T EVEN COME RUNNING TO THE SCENE ...
YOU STICK THIS TACKY THING ON HER, AND YOU THINK YOU'RE *MONITORING* HER?

THUMP
THUMP
OH, FURUYA-KUN...!!
B-BUT THAT'S BECAUSE HE'S TRYING TO BE CONSIDERATE BY NOT HOLDING ME BACK TOO MUCH ...
CLATTER
I'M GOING TO GET SOME DRY ICE...!!
THUMP THUMP THUMP
...
HHPH.
WHAM
SKR
LOOKS LIKE I HIT THE NAIL ON THE HEAD.
CHAKA
CHAKA

HMMM ... SO I WAS RIGHT, AFTER ALL...
...
STARE
HE DOESN'T NEED... TO WORRY SO MUCH ABOUT ME...
THAT BOY, FURUYA-KUN...
... YOU LOVE HIM, DON'T YOU ?

HUH ...?
...BUT IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN YOUR FUTURE WILL BE A PROBLEM ...
HEE HEE... LOOKS LIKE I'M TWO FOR TWO.
W- WHAT ARE YOU SAYING ...? I, I JUST ...
flutter
flutter
WHAT'S THIS? DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU DIDN'T CARE WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?
AFTER THAT, WHAT COULD BE ...
...OH, NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, YOU SAID THAT I WAS CURRENTLY IN THE "FRESH PERIOD," BUT...
TROU- BLE ...
...IF I'M GOING TO CAUSE TROUBLE FOR FURUYA-KUN, I'D LIKE TO KNOW AHEAD OF TIME...
YES, BUT... IN THE FUTURE ...



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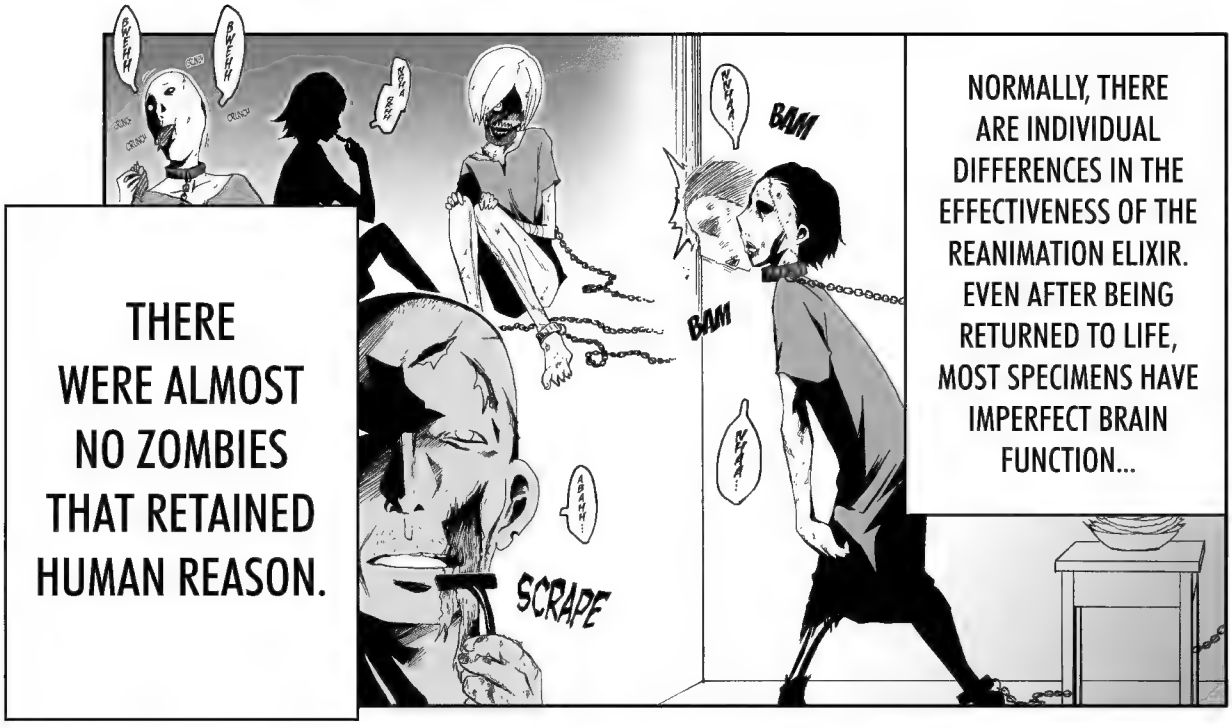
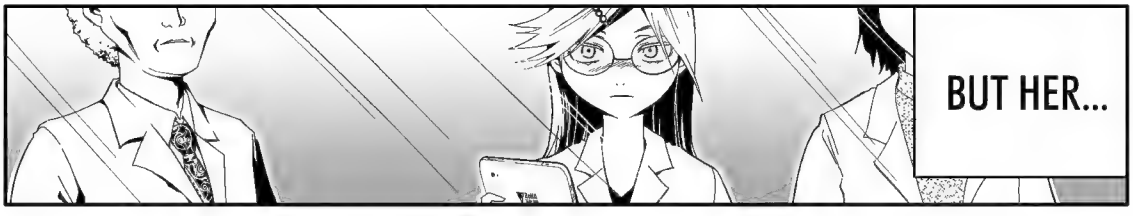
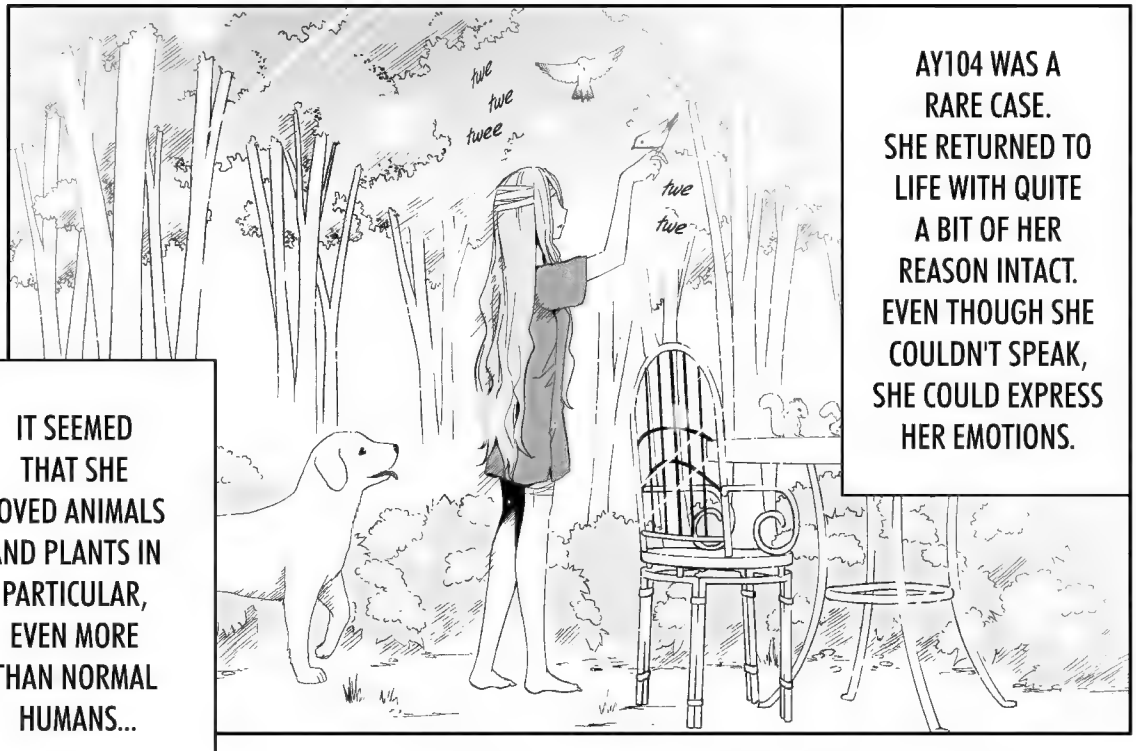
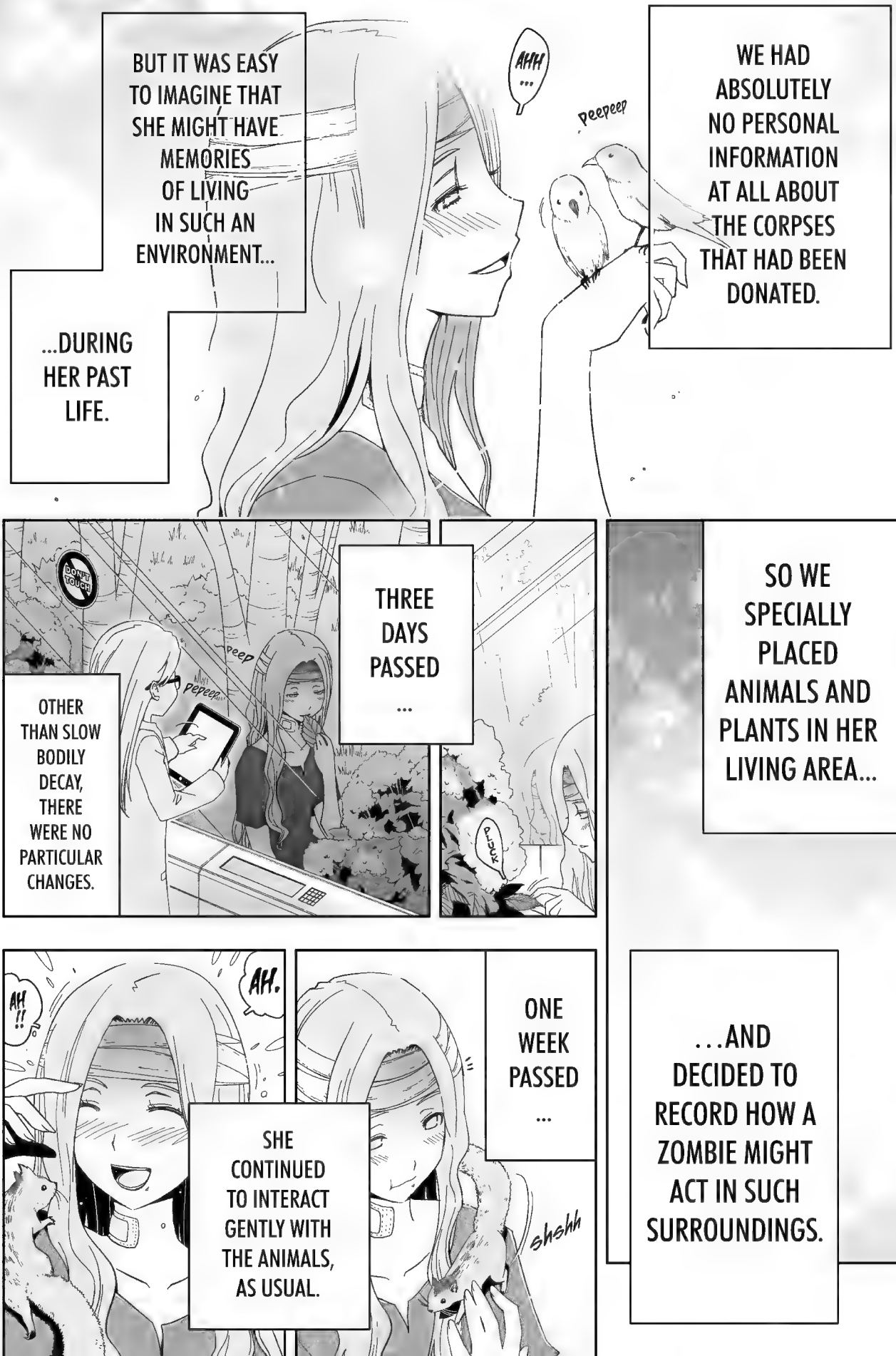
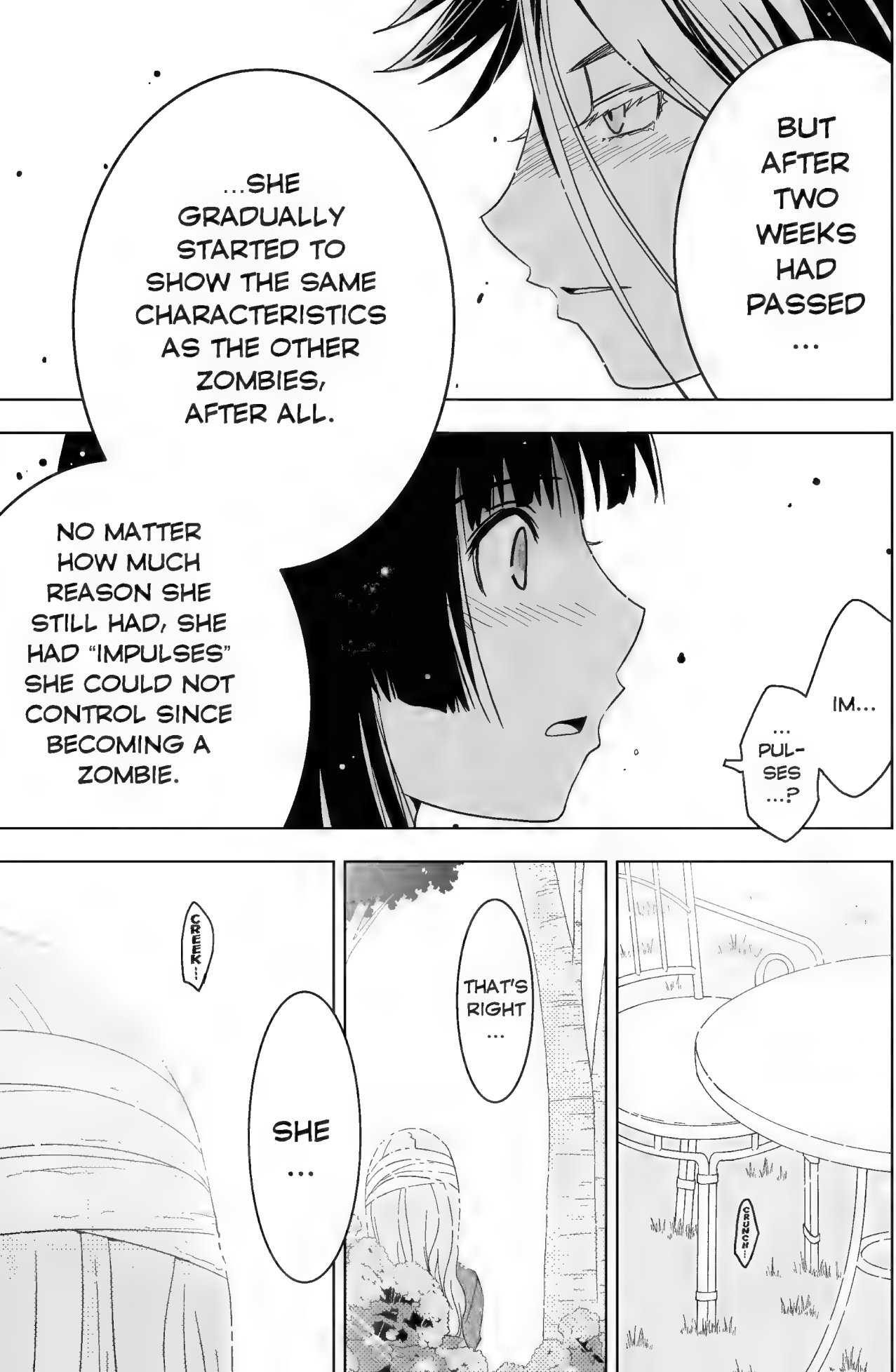

BWEHH
BWEHH
KRCH KRCH
NNAA
BAM
BAM
NYAA...
AHHH!
SCRAPE
THERE WERE ALMOST NO ZOMBIES THAT RETAINED HUMAN REASON.
NORMALLY, THERE ARE INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES IN THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE REANIMATION ELIXIR. EVEN AFTER BEING RETURNED TO LIFE, MOST SPECIMENS HAVE IMPERFECT BRAIN FUNCTION...

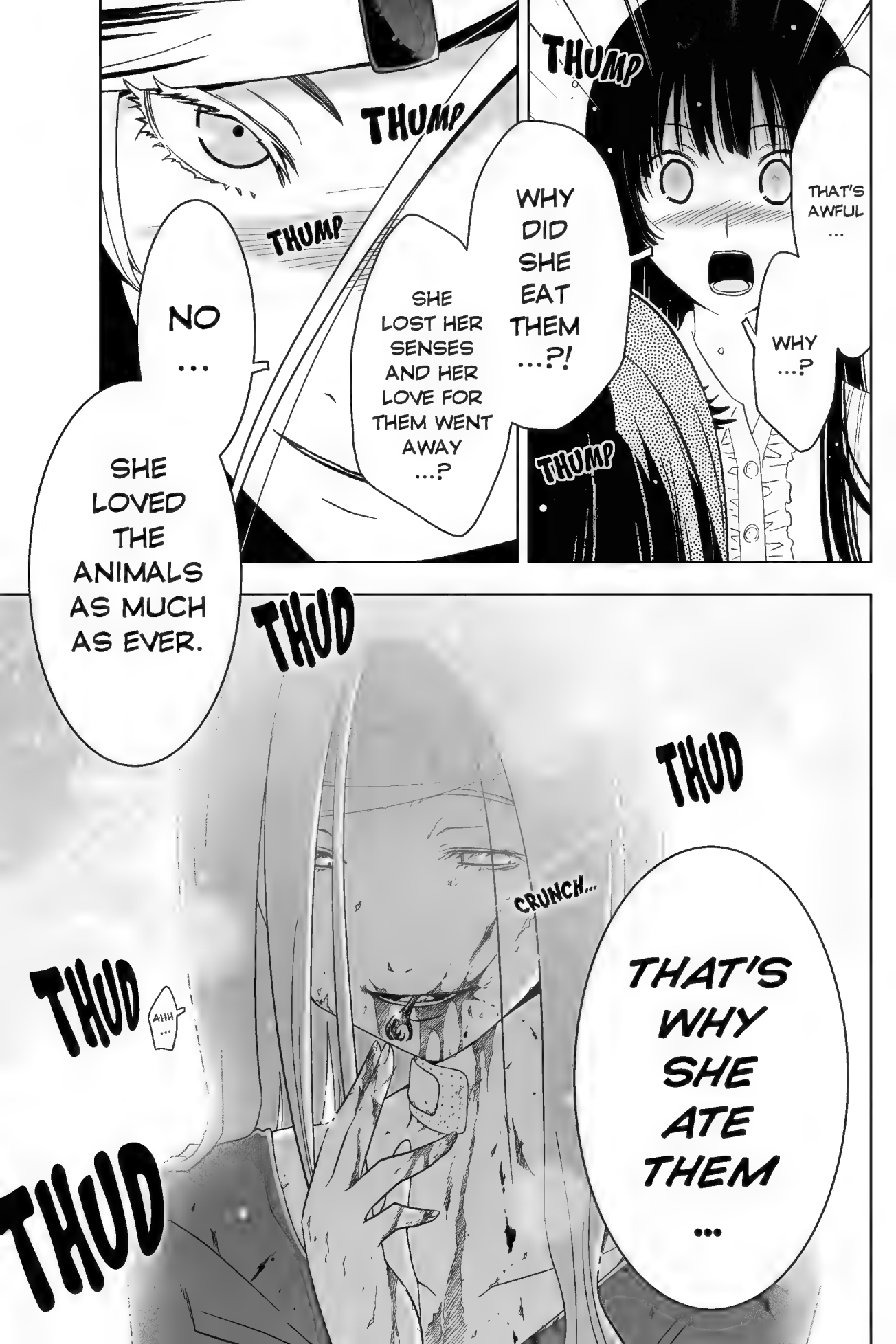

BUT HER...


twe
twe
twee
twe
twe
AY104 WAS A RARE CASE. SHE RETURNED TO LIFE WITH QUITE A BIT OF HER REASON INTACT. EVEN THOUGH SHE COULDN'T SPEAK, SHE COULD EXPRESS HER EMOTIONS.
IT SEEMED THAT SHE LOVED ANIMALS AND PLANTS IN PARTICULAR, EVEN MORE THAN NORMAL HUMANS...


BUT IT WAS EASY TO IMAGINE THAT SHE MIGHT HAVE MEMORIES OF LIVING IN SUCH AN ENVIRONMENT...
...DURING HER PAST LIFE.
AHH...
Peepeep
WE HAD ABSOLUTELY NO PERSONAL INFORMATION AT ALL ABOUT THE CORPSES THAT HAD BEEN DONATED.
DON'T TOUCH
peep
pepeep
OTHER THAN SLOW BODILY DECAY, THERE WERE NO PARTICULAR CHANGES.
THREE DAYS PASSED ...
SO WE SPECIALLY PLACED ANIMALS AND PLANTS IN HER LIVING AREA...
AH!!
AH.
SHE CONTINUED TO INTERACT GENTLY WITH THE ANIMALS, AS USUAL.
ONE WEEK PASSED ...
shshh
...AND DECIDED TO RECORD HOW A ZOMBIE MIGHT ACT IN SUCH SURROUNDINGS.


BUT AFTER TWO WEEKS HAD PASSED ...
...SHE GRADUALLY STARTED TO SHOW THE SAME CHARACTERISTICS AS THE OTHER ZOMBIES, AFTER ALL.
NO MATTER HOW MUCH REASON SHE STILL HAD, SHE HAD "IMPULSES" SHE COULD NOT CONTROL SINCE BECOMING A ZOMBIE.
IM...
...
PUL-
SES
...?
CREEK...
SHE
...
THAT'S RIGHT
...
CRUNCH...

...BEGAN TO EAT...
THE ANIMALS...
BA-
BUMP
...!!
CREAK...
CRUNCH


THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THAT'S AWFUL ...
WHY ...?
WHY DID SHE EAT THEM ...?!
SHE LOST HER SENSES AND HER LOVE FOR THEM WENT AWAY ...?
NO ...
SHE LOVED THE ANIMALS AS MUCH AS EVER.
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
AHH ...
CRUNCH...
THAT'S WHY SHE ATE THEM ...

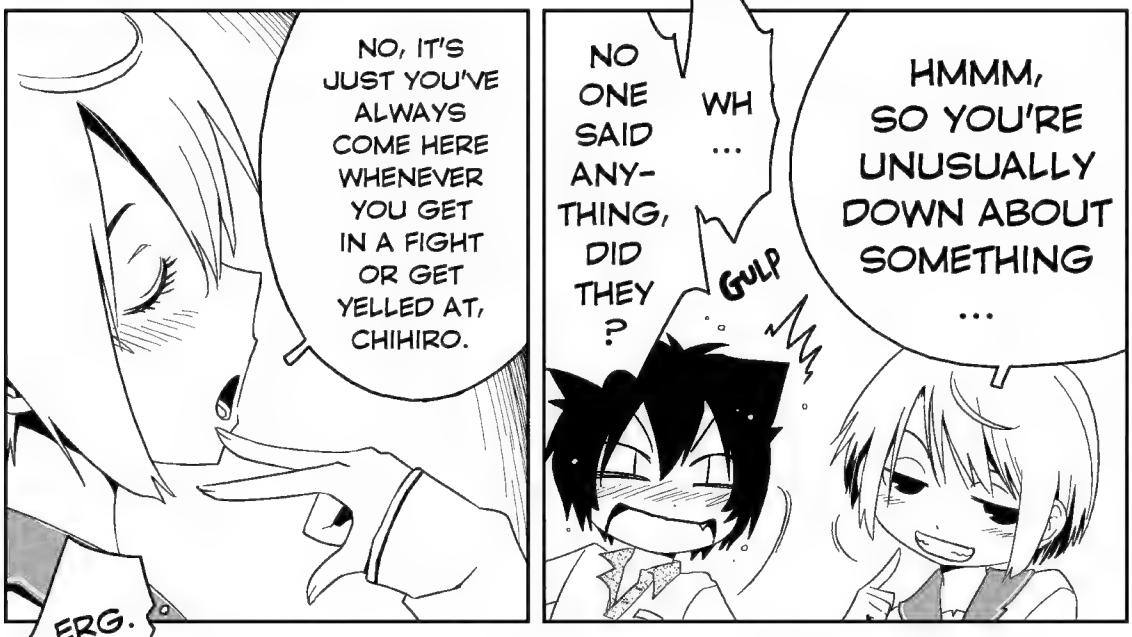
HAVE YOU EVER HEARD THIS ...?
THEY SAY THERE'S A FINE LINE BETWEEN *APPETITE* AND *DESIRE* ...
ONCE THE TWO WEEKS AFTER DEATH, KNOWN AS THE "FRESH PERIOD," HAVE PASSED, NO MATTER HOW MUCH REASON YOU MIGHT HAVE ...
...THE BOUNDARIES BETWEEN EMOTION AND DESIRE OR INSTINCT START TO BECOME BLURRED.
TO... EAT...
THIS IS THE "TURBID," OR "CONFUSED EATER" STAGE !!
WHAT YOU LOVE ...?!

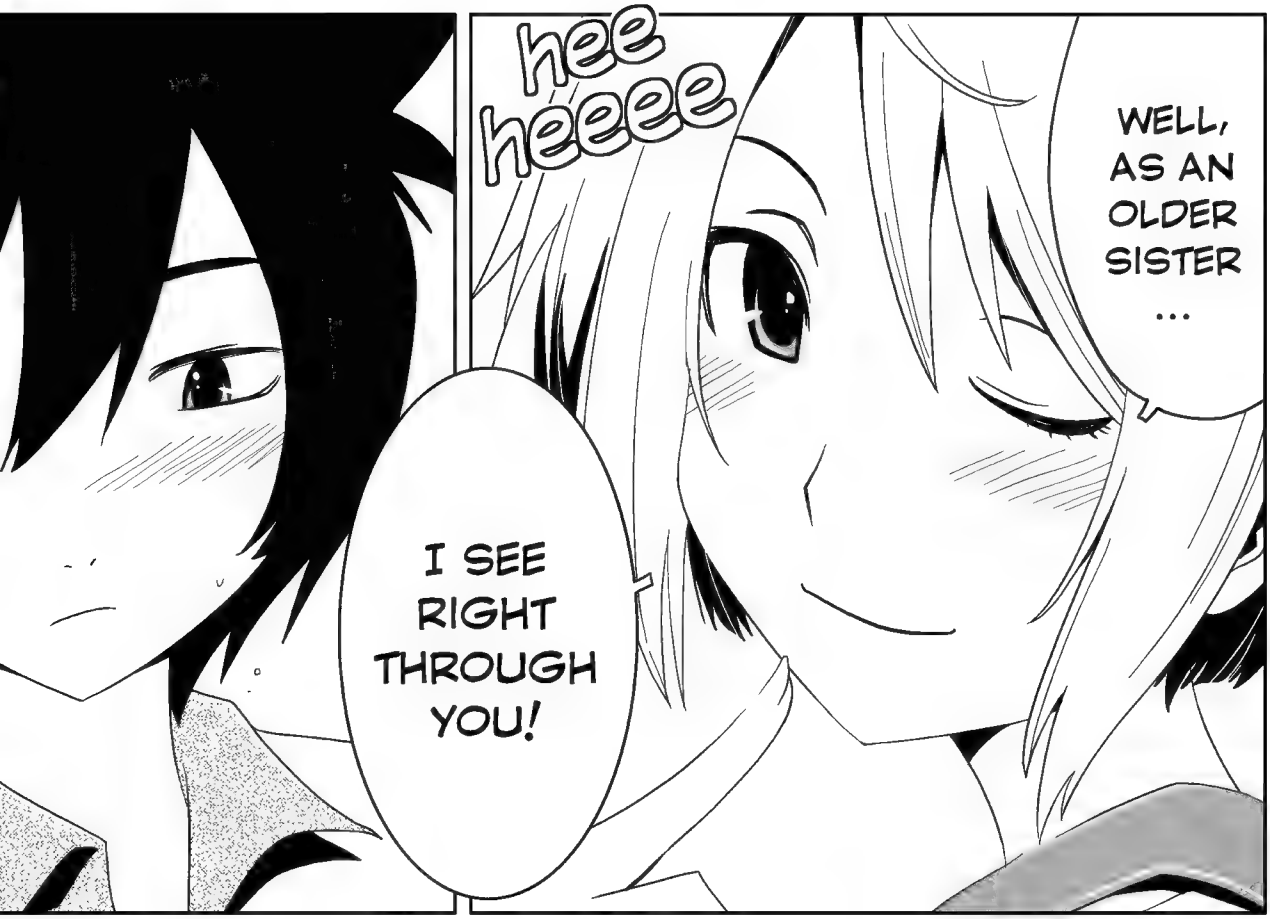
TWITCH
...
I SEE ...
WHAT I WAS WARNING YOU ABOUT EARLIER ...?
YOU UNDER-STAND NOW, DON'T YOU ...?
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
BUT, HOW SHOULD I PUT IT... THAT'S ...
JUST A LITTLE ROMANTIC, TOO... ISN'T IT ?
?!

FWOOSH
DAMN IT...
WHOMP
OWW..!!
BONG
NGOW!

IT'S HARD TO HEAR, BUT SHE'S RIGHT.
I CAN'T HELP WHEN IT COUNTS ...
IF SHE REALLY IS A ZOMBIE RESEARCH EXPERT...
...IT MIGHT BE BETTER JUST TO ENTRUST REA TO HER, RIGHT...?
SHE'D PROBABLY FEEL BETTER WITH ANOTHER GIRL, TOO...
ROLL
dribble
dribble
dribble
ER ...
drip...
GWAHA
COLD!!

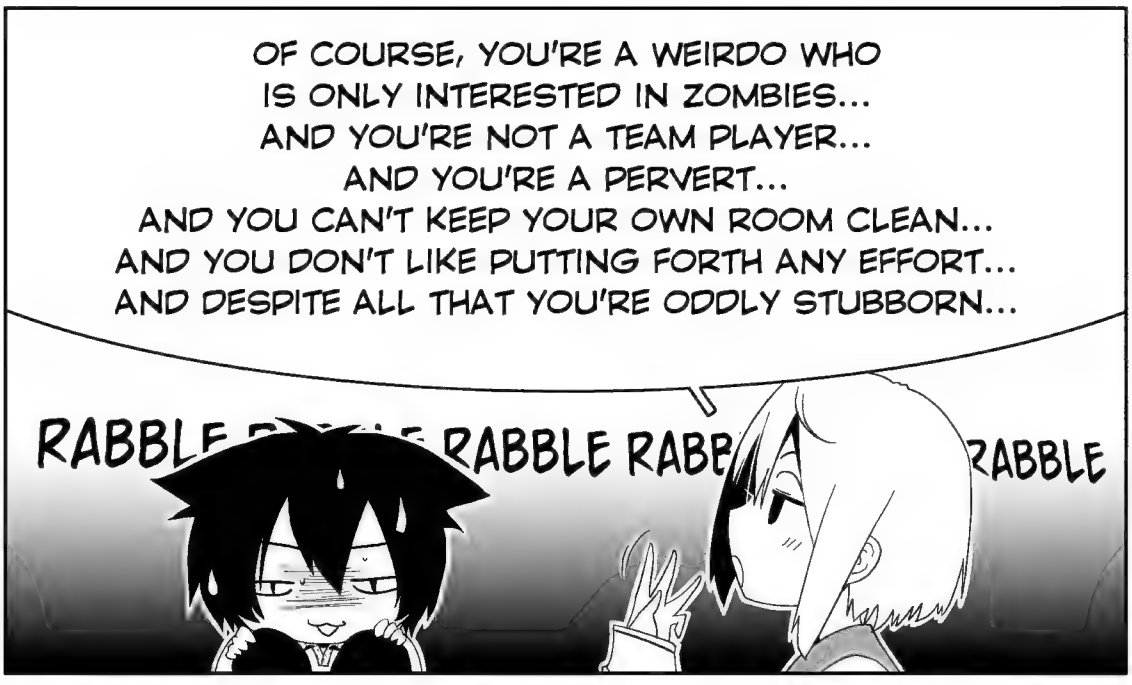
BAM
WANKO!!
WHAT ARE YOU SLEEPING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS FOR?
I JU-JUST FELT LIKE SLEEPING. SO I LAY DOWN.
...

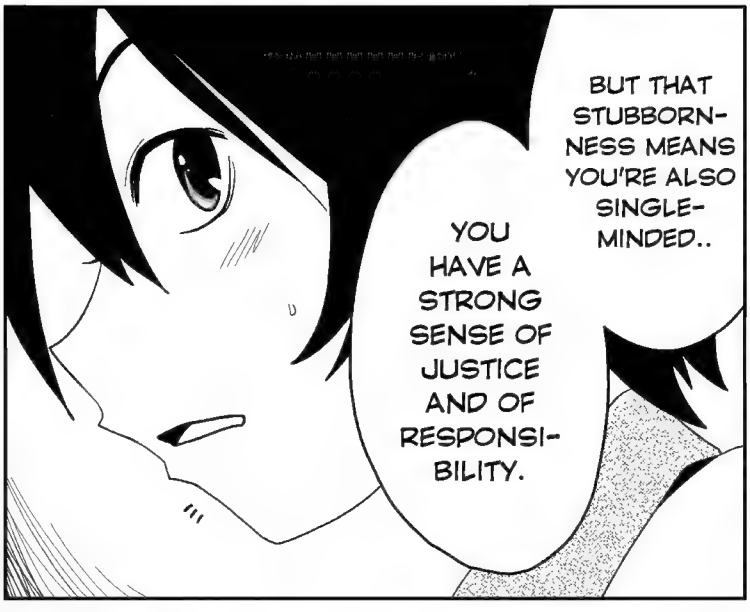

HMMM, SO YOU'RE UNUSUALLY DOWN ABOUT SOMETHING ...
WH ...
NO ONE SAID ANY-THING, DID THEY ?
GULP
NO, IT'S JUST YOU'VE ALWAYS COME HERE WHENEVER YOU GET IN A FIGHT OR GET YELLED AT, CHIHIRO.
ERG.


hee heeee
WELL, AS AN OLDER SISTER ...
I SEE RIGHT THROUGH YOU!

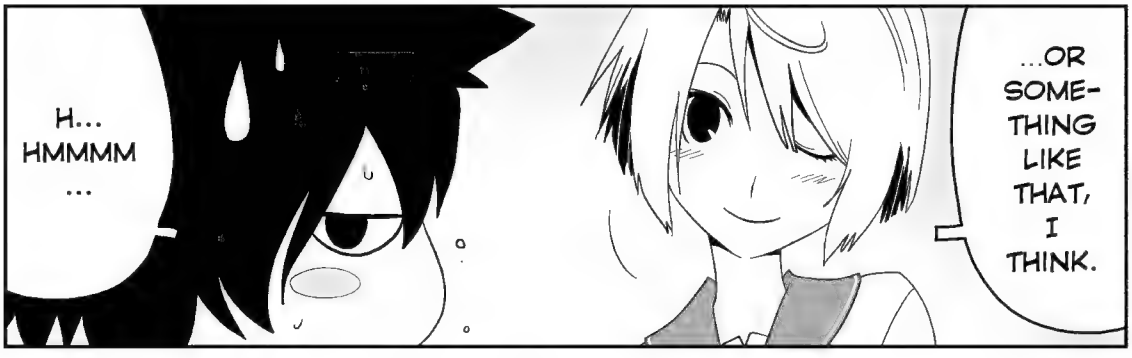
HM?
CAN I ASK YOU SOME-THING?
HEY ...

HMMM, LET'S SEE...
I MEAN MY PERSON-ALITY AND STUFF!!
WHAT? YOU MEAN YOUR FACE?
meowww
WHAT KIND ...
...OF MAN DO I SEEM LIKE TO YOU ...?


OF COURSE, YOU'RE A WEIRDO WHO
IS ONLY INTERESTED IN ZOMBIES...
AND YOU'RE NOT A TEAM PLAYER...
AND YOU'RE A PERVERT...
AND YOU CAN'T KEEP YOUR OWN ROOM CLEAN...
AND YOU DON'T LIKE PUTTING FORTH ANY EFFORT...
AND DESPITE ALL THAT YOU'RE ODDLY STUBBORN...
RABBLE RABBLE RABB
RABBLE


BUT THAT STUBBORN-NESS MEANS YOU'RE ALSO SINGLE-MINDED..
YOU HAVE A STRONG SENSE OF JUSTICE AND OF RESPONSI-BILITY.

AND ALSO ...
...NO, THAT'S ENOUGH, THAT'S ENOUGH ...
GLOOM


H... HMMMM ...
...OR SOME-THING LIKE THAT, I THINK.

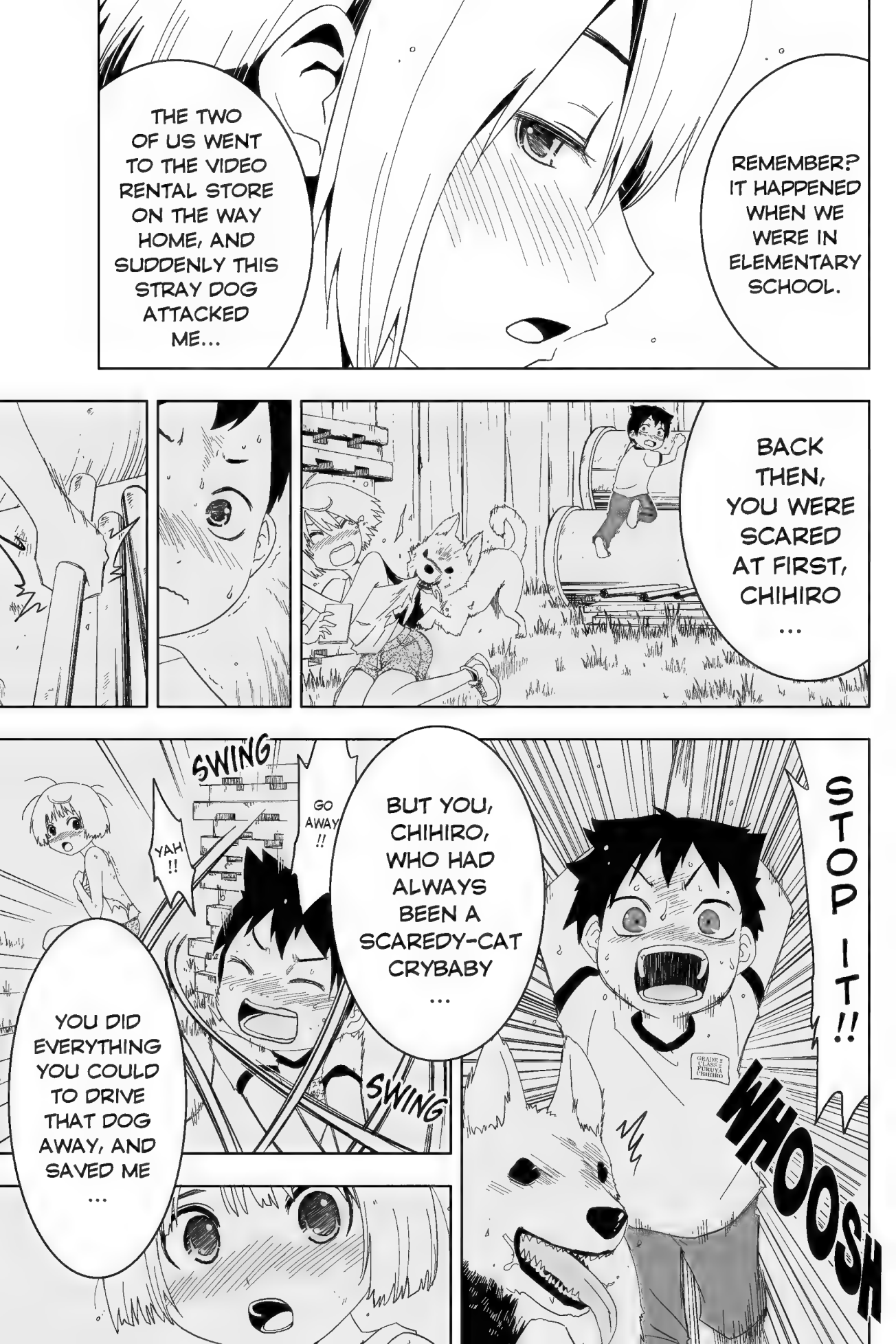
I HAVE TO DO SOME-THING... I HAVE TO DO THIS OR THAT... BUT WHEN I FEEL THAT WAY...
LATELY I CAN'T SHAKE THE FEELING THAT...
YOU MIGHT THINK I FEEL RESPON-SIBLE...
BUT I FEEL LIKE I'VE BEEN GOING AROUND IN POINTLESS CIRCLES RECENTLY, YOU KNOW ...?
I... SEE.
...HEY, CHI-HIRO.
HM ?
TWITCH
I CAN'T DO A SINGLE CONCRETE THING TO PROTECT ...
... EVEN ONE PER-SON.
...!!

?!
WOOSH
ULP

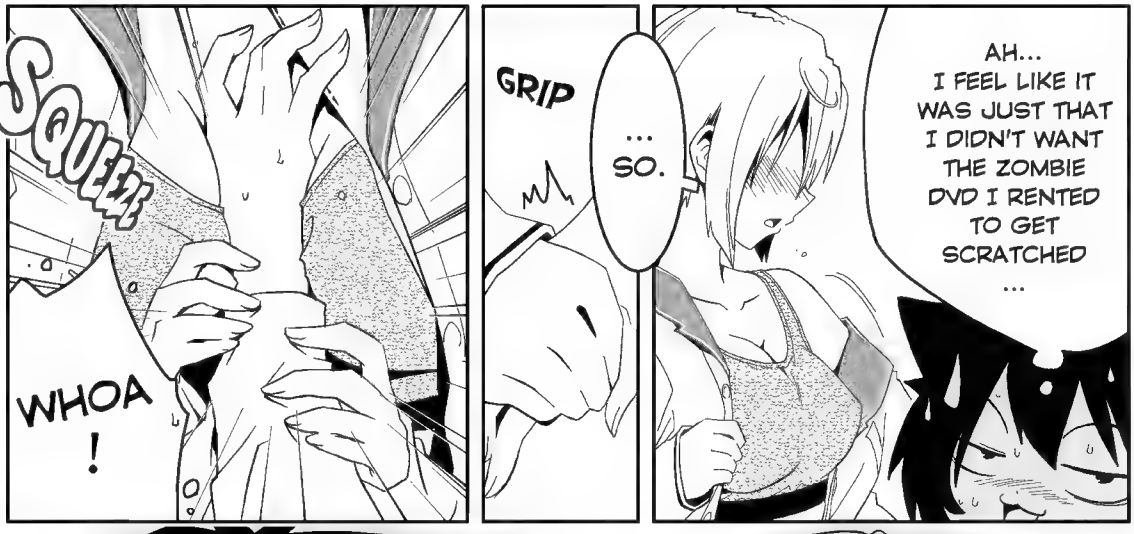
YOU REMEMBER THIS SCAR?

HUH? SCAR?

H-HEY!
LOOK!
turn
ARE YOU CRAZY?!


REMEMBER? IT HAPPENED WHEN WE WERE IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.
THE TWO OF US WENT TO THE VIDEO RENTAL STORE ON THE WAY HOME, AND SUDDENLY THIS STRAY DOG ATTACKED ME...
BACK THEN, YOU WERE SCARED AT FIRST, CHIHIRO ...
STOP IT!!
WHOOSH
BUT YOU, CHIHIRO, WHO HAD ALWAYS BEEN A SCAREDY-CAT CRYBABY ...
GO AWAY!!
YAH!!
SWING
SWING
YOU DID EVERYTHING YOU COULD TO DRIVE THAT DOG AWAY, AND SAVED ME ...

THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME I THOUGHT YOU WERE COOL, CHIHIRO.
flap
...


AH... I FEEL LIKE IT WAS JUST THAT I DIDN'T WANT THE ZOMBIE DVD I RENTED TO GET SCRATCHED ...
... SO.
GRIP
SQUEEE
WHOA !

IT'S OKAY.

SO WHAT IF YOU'RE JUST SPINNING YOUR WHEELS NOW ?!
Smile
SOMEDAY, WHEN YOU REALLY NEED IT, YOUR GOOD HEART WILL GIVE YOU STRENGTH.
WANKO ...
GRAB
LAKE FLYING
... SHEESH. REALLY ...
STAND
...

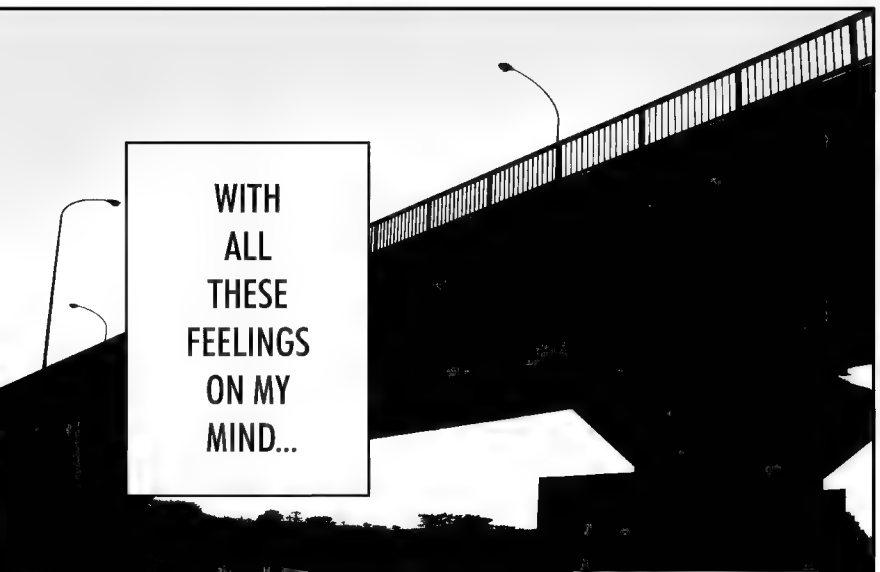
YOU REALLY ARE ...
...THE BEST BIG SISTER.

...
HMM ...

STEP
STEP
STEP

I GOTTA GET BACK HOME. THANKS!
I'LL PAY YOU BACK FOR THIS WITH A ZOMBIE DVD.
STEP
STEP

I MIGHT BE SPINNING MY WHEELS A LITTLE TOO, HUH ...?
RUSTLE


WITH ALL THESE FEELINGS ON MY MIND...

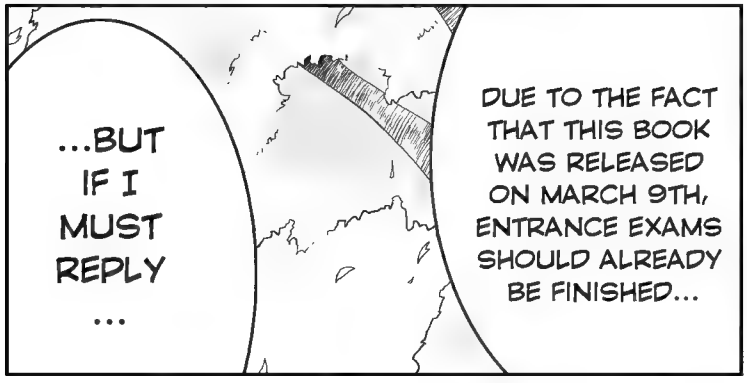
THEN ...

TO BE CONTINUED IN VOLUME 4

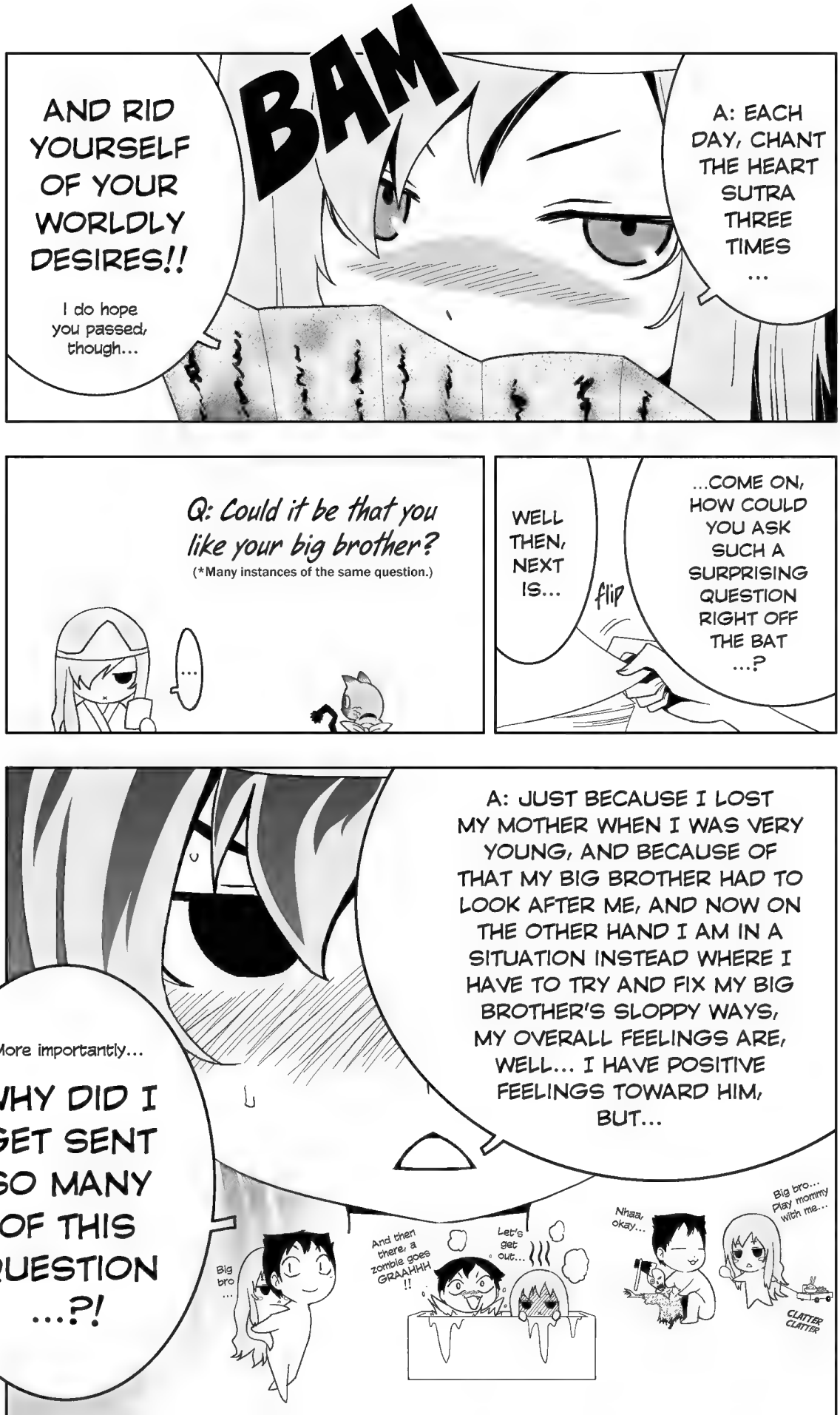
Mitsuru Hattori presents
SANKAREA
A HA
HA HA HA
HA
HA

TW-TWANG TWANG TWANG
TWANG TWANG
END-OF-VOLUME BONUS COMIC
MANY THANKS
THE AUTHOR IS GREATLY SURPRISED AT RECEIVING FAR MORE E-MAIL QUESTIONS THAN HE IMAGINED.
FIRST OF ALL, WE THANK EVERYONE WHO SENT THEM TO US.
WELL, THIS TIME WE BEGIN "MERO'S ZEN RIDDLES."
NHBUUUB

Q: I like Mero-chan too much, and even though this is right before my entrance exams, I can't focus on studying. What should I do?
...


...BUT IF I MUST REPLY ...
DUE TO THE FACT THAT THIS BOOK WAS RELEASED ON MARCH 9TH, ENTRANCE EXAMS SHOULD ALREADY BE FINISHED...

Note: The question order differs from the order in which the questions were received. Please be understanding.
WELL THEN, I SHALL BEGIN.
FLIP
SO THEN, THE COMMEMORATIVE FIRST QUESTION IS...


AND RID YOURSELF OF YOUR WORLDLY DESIRES!!
I do hope you passed, though...
BAM
A: EACH DAY, CHANT THE HEART SUTRA THREE TIMES ...
Q: Could it be that you like your big brother?
(*Many instances of the same question.)
...
WELL THEN, NEXT IS...
flip
...COME ON, HOW COULD YOU ASK SUCH A SURPRISING QUESTION RIGHT OFF THE BAT ...?
A: JUST BECAUSE I LOST MY MOTHER WHEN I WAS VERY YOUNG, AND BECAUSE OF THAT MY BIG BROTHER HAD TO LOOK AFTER ME, AND NOW ON THE OTHER HAND I AM IN A SITUATION INSTEAD WHERE I HAVE TO TRY AND FIX MY BIG BROTHER'S SLOPPY WAYS, MY OVERALL FEELINGS ARE, WELL... I HAVE POSITIVE FEELINGS TOWARD HIM, BUT...
More importantly...
WHY DID I GET SENT SO MANY OF THIS QUESTION ...?!
Big bro ...
And then there, a zombie goes GRAAHHH !!
Let's get out...
Nhaa, okay...
Big bro... Play mommy with me...
CLATTER CLATTER

Q: Zombified Rea-chan has a ton of power, doesn't she? She swung that bench around. (LOL) How powerful have her grip and brute strength become?

(*Several instances of a similar question.)

QUITE A GOOD QUESTION.

MH.

flip

GIVE ME A BREAK... SHALL WE PICK A QUESTION THAT HAS A LITTLE BIT MORE TO DO WITH THESE CHAPTERS?

IF THE AVERAGE GRIP OF A FIFTEEN-YEAR-OLD GIRL IS ABOUT 25 KILOGRAMS, THEN IN SHORT, SHE HAS MORE THAN THREE TIMES THAT AMOUNT...

Here.

SINCE REA-DONO BECAME ZOMBIFIED, SHE CAN APPARENTLY EXERT HER FULL POWER CONSISTENTLY BECAUSE HER BRAIN LIMITERS HAVE STOPPED WORKING.

AS IS WELL KNOWN, IT IS SAID THAT HUMANS CAN'T MAKE USE OF MORE THAN 20 TO 30 PERCENT OF THEIR FULL MUSCULAR POWER OUTSIDE OF EMERGENCIES, DUE TO THEIR BRAIN LIMITERS.

WELL THEN, NEXT IS...

drip

drip

A: THAT MEANS THAT SHE HAS ENOUGH POWER TO EASILY CRUSH AN APPLE.

SQUASH

IT'S TRUE THAT AT FIRST GLANCE IT SEEMS LIKE SOMETHING THAT YOU COULDN'T GET UNLESS YOU WERE A BLOWFISH CHEF...

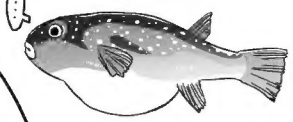
Q: The ingredients for the elixir call for "blowfish guts," but how did Chihiro obtain them?

OH MY, WE'RE ALREADY ON THE FINAL PAGE, ARE WE...? WELL THEN, THE NEXT QUESTION IS THE LAST...

flip

A: MOST LIKELY THE GUTS THAT MY BIG BROTHER PREPARED WERE GATHERED FROM GRASS PUFFERS THAT FISHERMEN TOSSED OUT ON THE BANKS, OR SO WE THINK.

GRASS PUFFER
(GENUS TAKIFUGU SPECIES TAKIFUGU)



Easily caught while sea fishing, but in general you don't eat them. A classic unwanted fish.

* Shiyoh is surprisingly close to the ocean.

III

Q. Mero-san, don't you ever cosplay in nurse or bunny-type outfits, like what the maids put on Rea in the main story?

FIRST BLOOD DONATION IS FREE.

EH, SATISFY YOURSELVES WITH JUST THIS NURSE OUTFIT.

ME★RO

Now then, let us meet again in Vol. 4.

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*Questions we couldn't answer this time may be picked up in the next volume or after, as well.

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TRANSLATION NOTES

Honorifics: This series retains the Japanese honorifics. Here's a guide:
-san: Polite, equivalent to "Mr." or "Ms."
-sama: A term of great respect.
-kun: Used for boys or people in a lower position.
-chan: A sometimes cutesy term of endearment for girls.
-dono: A very respectful and now old-fashioned term.
-sempai: Refers to a student who entered school before you, or a colleague who entered the company before you. (The equivalent for your juniors is "kohai.")

p. 2, Heart Sutra
Sutras are Buddhist sermons or prayers. The Heart Sutra is probably the best known and most popular of all the Buddhist Sutras. Though they were originally written in Sanskrit, the version known in Japan has been transcribed into Chinese characters.

p.13, Cheerios
In the original Japanese, Yasutaka misunderstands the girl looking for Furuya's family's temple, Shiryohji, because the name "Shiryohji" can be spelled with characters that mean "ghost temple." The author probably picked the name intentionally for that very reason. We changed it to "Cheerios" because it sounds kind of like "Shiryoh."

p.p. 46, 18
Zombie owl 18's name is pronounced "towa" in Japanese. Since he's a zombie from her facility, it might be his specimen number.

p. 49, Uboa
Grandpa's cries (and his appearance) here seem to be a reference to a particularly memorable monster named Uboa in the underground hit Japanese indie PC game, Yume Nikki.

p. 59, Saponification
Human bodies have been recorded as turning into a soapy or waxy substance (often known as "grave wax"), in a process that can also be called adipocere formation. A famous example of this is the so-called "Soap Lady" on display at Philadelphia's Mütter Museum.

p.61, Yukata
A yukata is a very light, cotton kimono, worn by both sexes but more commonly by girls than boys. They're synonymous in Japan with the summer months and festivals in particular. The come in a variety of colors and patterns, both traditional and modern.

p.68, Muoh
A reference to a real Japanese long-running paranormal magazine, called Muu.

p.73, Namuu (Namu Amida Butsu)
A prayer involving saying the name of the Buddha, commonly used in Pure Land Buddhism. It is often shortened to just the first word in Japanese.

p.86, Meishin
As seen in the first volume, Sanka Girls' Academy holds a meditation exercise before homeroom that involves simply sewing a needle and thread through a piece of cloth over and over again for a set period of time. They call it "meishin" or "meditation needle."

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